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Onze Toekomst, June 17, 1910.

GENERAL NEWS

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The Chicago-Section of the General Netherland's League is holding a meeting on Friday evening, June 17th, in the basement of the First Christian Reformed Church at 14th Street.

The principal aim of the meeting is the discussion of means for the erection of a general intelligence and booking-office.

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TAG DAY

On May 24th, we ladies were busy with our "Tag Day." Our Holland Home had gathered \$2,655.52 on that day, so our efforts were crowned with success. It is not true that the thirty-seven homes divide everything equally; each home gets, what is collected by its group and you can believe that. The part that is evenly divided between the thirty-seven homes, is all the counterfeit money and false checks. Our bill on that day was \$5.25. On June 3rd we had our "Tag Party" in the evening. A large crowd was present and some of the ladies told of their experiences on that day some of which were comical. A small program, some games, refreshments and time went fast.

Before we knew it, the ladies got ready to go home. Many of the ladies came from the far West and Northwest side. All in all, it was an evening full of pleasure. Over 200 ladies were present. A word of thanks to all who helped. In name of the committee: Mrs. P. Roosma, Mrs. M. Otto, Mrs. J. De Young, Mrs. G. Smit.



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Onzetoekomst, December 23, 1921.

REMEMBER THE POOR!

Friday of this week the Christmas packages and boxes will be distributed at the Cook County Infirmary at Oak Forest, Illinois in which several churches will participate, among them the First Reformed Church on Hastings Street, First Christian Reformed, 14th Street and the West Side Reformed Church.

Those who wish to participate in the distribution, should be at the La Salle Street Station not later than 9 A. M., where Mr. U. Stuit will meet them.

About three thousand packages will be distributed.

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Onze Toekomst, August 26, 1921.

THE HOLLAND-AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE HELP OF POOR

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CHILDREN IN BUDAPEST.

About two and a half months ago I traveled to Budapest to inspect the work of our Holland-American Society and to see if there was room for improvement.....During my stay in Holland I, gathered wool and needles, but the amount was not nearly sufficient. The box which I took from Holland was not nearly enough, to give each girl wool enough to make one pair of stockings. I asked Capt. Jos. Pedlow, see of the American Red Cross, to permit him to become acquainted with the work of our society and to see if he could help us supply wool and knitting needles. Captain Pedlow testified: Miss Kuiper, your society is doing really splendid work and I will do whatever I can for you. And the well liked Captain Pedlow kept his word and opened for us the horn of plenty. Sixteen boxes containing 1,300 K. G. wool; 2,000 yards flannel; 100 cartons toothpaste; 1,000 comfort bags, which serve as

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work bags; 100 cartons of buttons and a large collection of binding..... We came to the conclusion that we had wool enough to knit a sweater and a pair of stockings for each child and enough flannel to make a dress or suit for each child. After that Pedlow made a tour of inspection, and signified his satisfaction saying: "Well, Miss Kuiper, your children and mothers have really done the best they could. Do you know that these dresses are all so well made and show such good taste that in Wall Street, New York, they would be glad to sell them, and they would get a pretty high price for them, too.."

We want to mention by name those who have worked so hard in the gathering of money for this good cause; Dr. & Mrs. Van Sonkhwsen, Prof. Volbeda, Dr. H. H. Meiter and Mr. J. Buiten.....The following is a testimonial of the good work done by the Holland-American Society for poor children in Hungary:

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Miss Catherine M. E. Kuipers

I had the pleasure of visiting a luncheon given by your Holland-American Society for the poor children in Hungary and would like to testify to the splendid work you are doing. I was really surprised at the quality of the meal and when invited to join I think I enjoyed the food quite as much as the children did. It was not only a commonsense meal but also a really appetizing one. I hope you will continue the good work. I will esteem it an honor to assist you in any way you may permit me.

Sincerely yours,  
Jos. G. Pedlow  
Capt., American Red Cross.

Onzetoekomst, May 13, 1921.

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**SUPPORT FOR WIDOWS, FATHERLESS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
IN NEED.**

From an examination of the statistics of the juvenile Court of Cook County, it appears that very few Dutch mothers, who are widows or whose husbands are unable to work, make use in Chicago of the support offered by the State of Illinois in such emergencies. For this reason a short announcement about this can be of service. Evidently in this State many Dutch widows with children do not know of the monetary assistance which they have a right to expect. Naturally each case is conditional. In June, 1913, the following law was enacted:

A law to care partially for mothers, whose husbands are dead or are forever unable to work on account of bodily or spiritual blemishes, when such mothers have children below the age of 14, and are citizens of the United States of America and inhabitants of the county in which application for help is made... It was indeed interesting to look over the statistics. But it was remarkable how few Dutch ask for help of the County. Some of the other nationalities were represented in large numbers in the statistics of Charity.

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### COMPARISON

In comparison with other groups, the Hollanders in Chicago have made for themselves a good record in the recent American Red Cross campaign. Although more committees could have been appointed, those that were appointed did very good work, for which the president, Dr. J. A. Riedel is very thankful. The churches in particular did very good work.

The First Reformed Church of Chicago for example brought in \$200.00. Pretty work... The total of the five churches plus the gatherings of other committees amounted to \$600.00. Among the busy workers the pastors deserve honorable mention...Dr. Riede said that the results are above expectations.

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Onze Toekomst, September 10, 1920.

### NETHERLANDERS IN THE RED CROSS

In the coming roll call of the American Red Cross, the members will be recruited according to their nationality. All the Dutch who become members in the November roll call or renew their membership, should state their membership in favor of the Netherland group. It is for the call of our Dutch in America of great importance that their participation in the American Red Cross should also be written in favor of them. We therefore urge all Dutch to make use of this opportunity and to show how great is the interest of the Netherlands in the Red Cross.

Let us all work together to give a good testimonial for this worthy cause in behalf of the Netherland people.

The American Red Cross.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 18, 1910.

THE SPENDING OF MONEY FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES

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The Women's Benefit Society of the First Christian Reformed Congregation of Englewood has spent this year one hundred and eighty dollars for charitable purposes, namely: Twenty-five dollars for the Medical Missions amongst the Indians; twenty-five dollars for the Home Missions; twenty-five dollars for the Sanitarium for **Tuberculosis** at Denver, Colorado; twenty-five dollars for the Jewish Missions; twenty-five dollars for the Christian School, and fifty-five dollars for the improvement and lighting of their church building.

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Onzetoekomst, Apr. 30, 1909.

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SUPPORT A CHARTER MEMBER

Fellow Members of Zelfhulp!

On the last annual meeting of Zelfhulp in Mandel Hall a discussion was started by Mr. J. Berghuis and Mr. P. Van Wanroy, concerning the support of Mr. R. Stuivenga, the man who organized Zelfhulp. One proposed a donation from the treasury and the other a collection. Nothing became of either proposal and until now I have heard no more of it. Meanwhile the man is in dire need. Now the time has come to do something to keep the wolf from the door.

He has been helped for two weeks, but that has become now an impossibility for only a couple of members who themselves possess nothing, to continue doing so. When it is discussed at a meeting, one says it is not possible and the other it is against the law. I can not see it. There is so much that is against the law and yet happens.

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Supposing we go to work and give each collector a decent list, and this is presented to the members for a small yearly donation, I must be very much mistaken in our fellow-members, if any one had the heart to say no. I have spoken to our collector about this and he is ready to do this.

Now something else that amounts practically to the same thing. We have, I believe, a membership of between 10,000 and 12,000 and a capitol of approximately \$110,000. Now if every member donates the small sum of 5¢ a year, would any one ever miss that? That would amount to the sum of five to six hundred dollars. It would be an honor for Zelfhulp and its members and each and every member would be proud to do his bit. We could proclaim this before the world. And the old man in his poor and lonesome home would utter a prayer of thanksgiving and say: I have not organized Zelfhulp in vain.

And last but not least, while writing this it is Easter, the feast of resurrection and new life. Now if this feast shall be of any value to us, then we must, clasp our hands together and put all doubts aside.

Onzetoekomst, Apr. 30, 1909.

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For doing well, no one has ever been sorry. Life is so short and we travel together, we must help one another. The great master, whose resurrection is being celebrated by the entire civilized world, went before us and in him and ~~through~~ him unity will be maintained, to you Mr. Editor goes my thanks in advance for the publication of this article.

Yours very truly,

W. Beerthuis  
317 Cortland Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Onzetoekomst, Jan. 8, 1909.

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COLLECTION AT HOMES OF MEMBERS

The Daughters society of the First Christian Reformed Congregation of 14th Street, is again ready to take up their annual collection at the homes of the members, for their two Indian Children whom they are supporting. They are Clarisa Pierson and Edward Breen.. This society can indeed be called a Missionary society. Within the past year they have collected more than \$300, for school and mission.

This year they hope to surpass this figure and expect that the members of the Congregation, show their appreciation by lending them their strong support.

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Onzetoekomst, Jan. 8, 1909.

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For the sufferers of the earthquake in Southern Italy, a collection of \$50.00 was made last Sunday, in the Church of the First Reformed Congregation on Hastings Street.

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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 24, 1911.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS

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p.l.- Approximately two percent of Chicago's population are Netherlanders. And according to the last reports that we have there are, in the Joliet penitentiary over 300 prisoners, only one of which is a Dutchman. This is by comparison, one sixth of one percent. How is that for a record?

That one Hollander is our Pieter van Vlissingen, forger of bonds.

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### THE HOME

In my former article I pointed out the necessity of learning the language of the land and that leaves the necessity of pointing to the importance of Americanization in relation to the home. Evidently there are many who do not understand what a line of division Americanization in the home life creates, how it is possible that the parents do not understand their children nor the children their parents. But when we speak of the possibility that parents and children do not understand each other, then we mean that there is present such a difference of opinion that it forms a division line which works unprofitably for the oneness and harmony of homelife and was many times the cause of much suffering. The fact is that our children grow up as Americans. Born here, they have no idea about the land of their parents, often times a wrong idea. Their rearing outside the home brings them in contact with American ideas which form part of their early development. The atmosphere of the American life is their own.

Everything that comes against that is strange to them and when they grow up



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and take a more independent station in life, the mode of living, the difference of which is more clearly seen. Especially when son or daughter gets married to one entirely Americanized, so often is heard: "O, I dont feel myself at home there." Now what is the cause of that? Is the natural love between parent and children cooled? No, at least not in every case.

But there is a difference and that difference does not unite, but speareates. What is that difference? That the parents have held fast to the habits of the land of their birth; have declared themselves many times unsympathetic towards their children about the language and habits of the new land, and have tried so little to acquaint themselves with their new surroundings. The language was possibly felt to be the sharpest stumbling block. Many a parent has showed his animosity to his children and towards the language of the land, even giving orders not to use the language of the land in the home.

How many times is it said: "We must remain Dutch, our Church is Dutch and must stay so," as if in the Dutch language lay their salvation.



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If only good Dutch was used in the home, but it is mostly a provincial dialect, and it is sometimes amusing to hear children, who know how to express themselves in the English language, try to express themselves in the clumsy dialect.

As self-consciousness grows, this is felt: The child feels if he wants to express himself properly he must use the language of the land and you will always find they are using it wherever they go. The net result is that they are slowly but surely beginning to look down on the language and with the dialect too learn to hate the Holland language and with the language every thing Holland.

This is too bad, but it is a natural result of the course that was followed. The writer has many times heard confessions of people born here and who made a trip to the Netherlands that they had an entirely wrong impression of Holland and from whom did they get that impression? From their parents... Americanization is a stream you can not turn, you can dam it for a time



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but the result is that the water goes over the levies and sometimes does much damage. The damage is already large enough... What must we do then? The answer is this, that we must start with Americanization in the home. Parents must understand that they must adjust themselves to the land, that their children are Americans who feel just as much love for their land and language as they did for their birthplace and language. Only then can their children take their place with honor and influence to do the most good if they are really brought up in the language which is theirs, in which they think and in which they live. All efforts against that are bound to result in disappointment. If we love our principles let us see that they are propagated here but that they will sink with us in the grave and that only can be done by sound Americanization.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 4, 1919.

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## THE HOLLANDERS ON FOREIGN SOIL

(Editorial)

### EDITORIAL:-

There is hardly a country in the entire world, whose citizens are more cosmopolitan than Holland. The growth of the overseas trade and colonization, as history will tell, without doubt the main reasons that a large number of Hollanders, large in proportion to the population of the Motherland, are spread over the entire world. No matter where you go, to South America, China, to British India, Russia, or anywhere else you will find this small nation represented. Yet you will find those places no Holland colony as you would find an Italian or British.

The Hollander who settles himself on foreign soil becomes a personality. He adjusts himself to the customs and unites himself with the people of the land that he wishes to make his own. He is enabled to do that by the training received in his youth. From boyhood he has accustomed himself to look outside of the borders of his own small land into the world.



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He was trained in languages and trade and in the habits and temperament of other people. This makes it easy the first step in his foreign so-journ and whereas that is still much to learn, the foundation is laid. As a result of these factors and possibly some others which are in close relation with the unique character and habits of the people, there are no close ties between the Hollanders abroad and the homeland, which almost entirely disappears in his children. Wherever they settle they make good industrious citizens, who honor the laws of the land. Yet there exists a tie to hold them even if it is not the language itself although there are in the United States, 26 Holland newspapers. Even if they like to read the news in the Holland language, everybody reads the American daily newspapers besides.

It is their born love of freedom and their unconquerable wish to make their own way and be ruled by those whom he himself elects, and his deep rooted respect for law and order. Is it a wonder then that so many Hollanders who left their place of birth, settled in the United States of America with people whose ideals are so much like their own? And is it a wonder that when the call came to defend that country against force in the Great War,



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that cooperation, unity and loyalty was assured, by this scattered population?

And now again have those ideals, so dear to every Hollander emerged victorious, but even now we are not finished with our task. The big victory in which we all rejoiced, must be made a complete success and therefore we must still cooperate with the government, whose protection and freedom we enjoy and help it to overcome the post-war obligations...

Take part in the Victory Liberty Loan as much as you can.

Holland Liberty Loan Company  
L. J. Du Bourcq, President.

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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 7, 1913.

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GENERAL NEWS

Mr. J. de Boer and Mr. J. Berghuis departed Tuesday evening, March 4th, for Tennessee heading an excursion with the purpose of forming a new Dutch Colony.

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Onze Toekomst, Feb. 7, 1913.

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COLONIZATION

To The Editor of Onze Toekomst:

Please allow me some space for this letter in your paper.

The readers remember that during the year 1912 the undersigned gave, when in charge of the Chicago-Section of the General Netherlands' League, a reading on the subject of colonization.

Later on, these articles were published in the weekly Onze Toekomst. From different sides assurances of agreement were received. But, as it so often happens, there was nothing more heard about the affair. Later on the silence was broken again by Mr. S. E., who in the same manner wrote an article on this subject in Onze Toekomst. Since then however, nothing more was heard, and it seemed as if this matter had come to an end. This, however was not the case. For a long time people were working on the matter, and at present things have come to such a pass that they must be laid before the public.

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It was Mr. J. Berghuis, well known by our Dutch people, who started the event again. More than three months ago Mr. Berghuis asked me to assist him in the placing of a Dutch settlement in one of the States of our Union or in neighboring Canada, in other words, to set up together an agency for a new settlement.

Upon this I gave a negative answer, but, because he insisted, I promised to take the matter into consideration and assured him I would let him know about it in a couple of days. And that happened. I told him that I had determined to participate in the matter if we worked for the purpose mentioned in the article about this cause.

Naturally some difficulties were connected with this event. With this purpose in view each offers of Land Companies were rejected. It was also impossible to avoid some expense. Yet these difficulties were not insurmountable, and at present we have come to the point where we can offer the public a plan and also a proposition.

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Friday evening, February 14th, all people interested are invited to come together in Soustek's Hall, at the corner of Laflin and 18th Streets, where all information can be obtained and definite precautions taken. However, I hope to give more definite information about the enterprise in another number of Onze Toekomst.

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Onze Toekomst, Aug. 5, 1910.

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TO WINNIE, TEXAS

On Tuesday, August 2nd, another excursion left for Winnie, Texas. In the party was Mr. D. Boersema of 1520 West 15th Street. He hopes to settle there permanently. Mr. L. Holtrop of Englewood, has also bought land there, and will probably remain with the others.

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Onze Toekomst, July 22, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

On Tuesday, July 26th, at 7:45 p.m., the Hollanders of Roseland and vicinity are holding a meeting in the Dutch school at 104th Street. This meeting will be held in the interest of the Dutch settlement at Winnie, Texas.

Every one who has interest in buying land in the South-East is requested to attend this meeting.

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Onze Toekomst, July 15, 1910.

### EXCURSION TO WINNIE, TEXAS

The special excursion of Hollanders to Winnie, Texas, under the conduct of the Theodore F. Roch Land Company, the founders of the Dutch settlement at that place, left Chicago on July 7, as previously announced, and proved a success.

The excursion consisted principally of Hollanders of Michigan and Wisconsin, although some came from the far West, for instance, from Washington, and met the other excursionists at Winnie. And all who went to Winnie and visited the new Dutch colony of the Theodore F. Roch Land Company were so much pleased with the farms there that they all, to the last man, bought land with the intention of settling there themselves in the near future.

Thus far about sixty Dutch families have bought land at Winnie, Texas. Already several families have settled on the land, and others are preparing to do so. A Dutch colony will surely be organized as soon as possible. Mr. Theodore F. Roch has already donated fifteen acres of land on which to erect a church and

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a clergyman's residence, and he has promised besides a tidy sum of money for the construction of the church.

All industrious Hollanders who are on the lookout for a good place to settle are welcome at Winnie, Texas. The Dutch settlers have asked the Roch Land Company to organize another excursion, which the Company has promised to do. This special Dutch excursion will leave Chicago on next Tuesday, August 2. If you are interested in a new country and a place in which to settle and better yourself, then go on this excursion.

The excursion rate is very low.

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Onze Toekomst, May 27, 1910.

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Theo. F. Koch and Company, 1025 Unity Building, Chicago, have planned a special excursion for Hollanders to visit the new Dutch settlement at Winnie, Texas. This special excursion leaves from Chicago, Tuesday, June 7th, in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Special low passenger's rates, with free sleeping accomodations are offered for this excursion.

For further particulars apply to John Stob, 1454 Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, or directly to the company.

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Onze Toekomst, Jan. 7, 1910.

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On Tuesday, January 4th, three Dutch families departed to Winnie, Texas, to try their luck there. They are Mr. And Mrs. G. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tulp, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Huizinga.

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Onze Toekomst, Sept. 6, 1907.

### IMMIGRATION AND WAGE STANDARDS

One of our newspapers writes in a leading article, that immigration is increasing more than is desirable and warns the American laborer against the danger of lowered wage standards to be brought about through the daily increase of strangers.

That some uneducated politicians or leaders or labor unions speak in this manner, is understandable, but that a correspondent should hold such an opinion is hardly imaginable.

What is really the truth?

In the last couple of years the wage-standard has become higher even after immigration increased. In 1907 more than 1,250,000 strangers settled in the United States of America and at the same time the wage-standard increased more than 10%. Instead of lowering the wage-standard, these hundreds of thousands of immigrants are giving more work to the people.

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These immigrants have to be fed, dressed, and lodged. This all costs money. This money comes into circulation and increases salaries and wage-standards. Besides, America has such rich resources for living, that at present we cannot speak of over population. On the contrary we need European labor to help bring these resources into development.

According to an official budget our agricultural income for this year totaled six and one-half billions of dollars, and our mines and forests together totaled two billion. Our factories produce an annual income of twelve billion, railroads two billion. The owners of our factories and railroads are paying to their laborers this year the enormous sum of three and one half billion dollars. Briefly, this country is so rich that the influx of immigrants can only cause more progress.

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### CALUMET HARBOR A WORLD PORT

Roseland, Pullman, and Kensington all border on Lake Calumet. The Governor of the State of Illinois, Hon. Len Small, has signed the law which will make Lake Calumet, a world port. Mr. Benton Kleeman is the sponsor of this law, which, with the help of Speaker Dahlberg, after years of struggle, was signed by the Governor.

Both Mr. Kleeman and Speaker Dahlberg are Roselanders and Hollanders. We hope that they may see the fruits of their labor and see world ships sail into Calument Harbor.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 29, 1907.

IN GOD WE TRUST

The inscription "In God We Trust" on our money pieces, as we observed a couple of weeks ago, does not appear anymore on our new ten-dollar gold pieces. This has lead to quite a discussion in the last few weeks.

No one else than President Roosevelt himself ordered the omission of these words. Several important people, especially theologians and newspaper men, did not like the change. In their opinion there is too much unbelief in these days, and it would be very good if the people in handling the dollar were reminded that the nation has trust in God.

The President, however, was of the opinion that these words were not to be printed on the new coins.

If ever President Roosevelt made a mistake, this is one. A more beautiful motto for the people that the serious vigorous binding, holy words, "In

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"God We Trust" cannot be found. That motto is a sign that the prosperity we enjoy comes from God.

Today we are celebrating Thanksgiving Day, a day proclaimed by the President as a national holiday. How Satan would have enjoyed himself had President Roosevelt not only done away with the motto In God We Trust, but had also withdrawn our national Thanksgiving Day.

The President was wrong in omitting these words from the coinage. Give God the honor that this nation trusts in him. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's."

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Year Book of The Holland Society of Chicago, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900

Published by direction of the Board of Trustees,  
Compiled by the Secretary B. T. Van Alen,  
March, 1901.

A RESOLUTION MADE BY THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF CHICAGO. p. 69.

Our ancestors in little Holland resisted for eighty years the efforts of Spain to conquer them. By force of arms they pursued that resistance, backed by indomitable Dutch courage and perseverance. It is fitting for us assembled here tonight, as descendants of those Dutchmen, to suitably express in this public manner our sympathy for a people who, today, that same Spain is endeavoring to destroy. I present, Mr. Toastmaster, in response to the sentiment, the following pre-amble and resolutions:

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Whereas, The chivalry of Spain has written itself in characters of treachery, rapine, fire, and blood into the history of every people and every land where the Spaniard's ruthless arms have penetrated, and

Whereas, The descendants of the Netherlands have imperishable memories of Alva and the heroes born of the eighty years war, and

Whereas, The conquest by Spain has been invariably followed by the infamy of mal-administration, and

Whereas, The savagery of Spain's treatment of Cubans, followed by the destruction of the battle-ship, Maine, and its noble crew while reposing in that friendly harbor, has placed her outside the pale of civilized apology or immunity,

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Year Book of The Holland Society of Chicago, March, 1901.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the descendants of the Holland heroes of eighty years' war, hereby approve the course of the Government of the United States in declaring that Cuba must be free and that Spanish tyranny and savagery must depart from the Western hemisphere, and,

Resolved, That we respectfully urge upon President Roosevelt and Congress that no compromise nor delay be permitted to stay the execution of the full measure of the reparation for our sailors slaughtered, and,

Resolved, That while peace becomes a nation, the war is holy that conquers despotism, so peace may reign.

That resolution was seconded and, with great enthusiasm, was adopted unanimously.

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Onze Toekomst, June 15, 1927

THE KNICKERBOCKER SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

This useful organization of a Dutch character, which meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Hotel La Salle, had a very interesting meeting there on June 7th, at which Mr. Harvey Bierman was the principal speaker. Mr. Bierman, who is a lawyer and also secretary of the Holland Building and Loan Association, told the members and their wives of some of his experiences during the Spanish American War, illustrating his forceful speech with beautiful lantern slides of that time, which showed the camps, transports, and military equipments, as well as some fine views of Cuba and Porto Rico. The talk had a personal note, but the application made by the speaker was that the United States should always be prepared for any national emergency, and not be caught napping, as it was in the Spanish American War, when the nation desired to liberate Cuba and Porto Rico, but lacked even the most rudimentary elements of modern warfare. The audience concurred with the speaker, who received an enthusiastic applause. Similar talks are given monthly by members of the Society, which now has over a hundred members.



Onze Toekomst, June 15, 1927.

Some sections of the city are not well represented as yet, however, and the great West Side is but sparsely mentioned on the membership role. I think that the number of members could be doubled or tripled, if only every Holland-American in Chicago, realized this fine opportunity to combine the love of the old country with that of the new. In unity there is strength.

A. Oosterheert.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 6, 1927.

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EXCELSIOR CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Dutch society, Excelsior, celebrated its 30th anniversary on March 31. Because of a slight illness, Mr. A. Heis, first president and organizer of the society, could not be present, and for that reason Mr. I. Emmering, their first secretary, took the floor and pictured briefly the history of our society's life. There is evidence that the society is in a prosperous condition. There were some recitations, but Mr. T. N. Huizenga, agent of the Cunard Line, is deserving of most of the praise. It was a fine advertisement to those who also have decided to make the planned excursion under the leadership of Mr. Huizenga. Truly, this evening will not be forgotten very easily.

We enjoyed his beautiful film showing a trip through Europe under the direction of the Cunard Line with views of London and Paris and a trip along the Rhine including scenes of Schweringer, Olkmaar and Volendam.

Onze Toekomst, April 16, 1924.



## KNICKERBOCKER SOCIETY GIVES FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

The recently organized Knickerbocker Society will hold its first annual dinner on April 25, in the Lincoln room of the "City Club". Preparations are being made to make this a gala evening. After the reception of the invited guests at 6:30 o'clock, the dinner will be served at 7:00 P. M. The speaker of the evening will be Dr. George L. Scherzer, teacher at the Armour Institute, in this city. His topic will be "Louis XIV and William of Orange." There will also be other speakers, among them the executives of the club. The evening will be brightened by song and music. Members of the "Englewood Community Glee Club" are engaged for that purpose, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Van Tuyl, recently arrived from the Netherlands. Mr. Van Tuyl is accomplished violinist, and is being accompanied on the piano by his wife. The Entertainment Committee requested us to mention that many of the invited guests had not yet been heard from. Reservations should not be delayed. For, as much as we know about the program and we know the Club, a very enjoyable evening can be depended upon.

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Onze Toekomst, Feb. 20, 1924.

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CHICAGO KNICKERBOCKER CLUB

The recently organized society of Netherlands, so by descent or by birth, called the Chicago Knickerbocker Club, met last week Thursday, at noon, at a plentifully supplied table at the Illinois Athletic Club, where the members were the guest of F. Posthuma, vice consul of the Netherlands. The host was well satisfied with the attendance, because, as he said, of the twenty-two invited, twenty-three were present. Prof. E. D. Dimment, president of Hope College at Holland, Michigan was present as a guest of honor. Vice Consul Posthuma is thought to have found his number (23) because of the remarks he made after the speech of the guest of honor. After the partaking of the well selected food, the program of activities was handled in a most businesslike way. The new organization shall be known as the Chicago Knickerbocker Society. The By-Laws, proposed by a committee, were adopted with few changes.



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Onze Toekomst, Feb. 20, 1924.

The principles of the society are: The cultivation of mutual pleasure, the immortalization of the folklore, the keeping alive and propagation of the principles and qualities of the Dutch people. Further, the society hopes to give its support to Dutch art and other institutions in Chicago as, for example, the Holland Old People's Home, and so forth. Officers chosen were: President, Gelmer Vuiper; secretary-treasurer, D. J. H. Hospers; delegate-at-large, J. J. Van Pernis. In closing, a speech was made by Consul General John Vennema.

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Onze Toekomst, Jan. 28, 1924.

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THE KNICKERBOCKER CLUB

A society or club of Hollanders by birth or descent was organized last week in Chicago. The organization will in the future be known as the Knickerbocker Club. The following men were written in as members, at a luncheon in the Union League Club, of the new organization: Dr. F. A. Bisdom, Dr. F. J. Hospers, Dr. J. H. Hospers, L. Holstein, D. L. H. Kiel, Gelmer Kuiper, Prof. J. C. Penn, F. Posthuma, J. H. Rook, Prof. M. W. Senstius, A. Vande Bosch, J. Vander Vries, J. J. Van Pernis, Consul John Vennema, I. O. Yntema, and Lucas J. Zwiers. Mr. Gelmer Kuiper was elected president and Dr. J. H. Hospers, secretary.

The next meeting will be on February 14, when the members will be the guest of Mr. F. Posthuma, Vice Consul of the Netherlands, in the Athletic Club. Up to that date, of the purpose and activity of the club, nothing will be published.

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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 9, 1910.

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THE ST. NIKOLAAS ( SAINT NICHOLAS) SOCIETY

Thursday evening, December 6th, the Netherlands' St. Nikolaas (Saint Nicholas) Society held its regular yearly banquet at the Bismarck Hotel.

Because the president Dr. H. B. de Bey was absent, the vice-president, Dr. R. L. Van Dellen officiated as master of ceremonies. As speakers appeared: The Reverend E. F. Brinkman, Hon. C. J. Ton and Mr. E. L. Van Dellen. The music was furnished by Mrs. H. Punzelt, Mr. H. Reininga, and Miss Georgia Rudis.

Mr. H. Van der Ploeg called attention to the Chair of Dutch language and literature at the Chicago University.

We hope to publish before long a subscription list for that purpose. More than eighty persons were guests of the banquet.

As Board members for the new year were chosen: Dr. R. L. Van Dellen, President; Edward E. Takken, Vice-President and Herman Reininga, Secretary - Treasurer.

Onze Toekomst, Sep. 9, 1910.

WPA (ILL.) PROJ. 30275

## LABOR DAY MEETINGS A GOOD SUCCESS

Both large meetings- picnics, we might say - held by the Dutch people on Monday (Labor Day), were, in every respect, a success.

The Leagues of the Young Men's Associations, and the Reformed School Associations came to Palos Park in 11 railway-carriages, which held about 1500 people. According to a rough estimation this meeting brought in over \$300.00 in net profit.

The Mission celebration at Riverside Park, organized by the Men's Mission Association of the First Reformed Congregation, was also a success. Considering that it was the first meeting, the number of participants was larger than could have been expected. The proceeds were about eighty dollars, which will be for the good of the Mission.

Yet, from different sides voices were heard that next year these two meetings should not be held on the same day. To make both a success, they have to take place on different days.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 22, 1910.

FESTIVAL DINNER OF THE HOLLAND SOCIETY.

Last Saturday evening, April 16, the Holland Society of Chicago held its annual banquet at the Congress Hotel. During the occasion, the by-laws of the Society were so amended as to allow women to join it.

Mr. H. Vander Ploeg was the principal defender of women's rights. He stated among other things that there is no better remedy to get rid of the saloons than to give suffrage to the women. He mentioned the sad consequences that follow in the wake of public saloons.

William A. Dyche, president of the Society, took into consideration the idea of educating talented young men coming from the Netherlands. He promised his personal support to such an enterprise.

More than one hundred members were present.



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Consul-General Birkhoff gave a speech about Queen Wilhelmina. After the speech, a telegram of congratulations was sent to the Queen.

The following persons were elected to the Society's board of directors for the coming year: Charles T. Wilt, president; John Broekema, vice-president; Harry Martha, Secretary-Treasurer.



Onze Toekomst, Dec. 10, 1909.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DUTCH ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY

Last Tuesday evening, the Dutch St. Nicholas Society held its usual annual meeting in the Bismark Hotel. Speakers for the evening were Professor E. L. Van Dellen, John Vennema and Harry Blerma. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Dr. H. B. De Bey, President; Dr. R. L. Van Dellen, Vice-President; Mr. E. E. Pakken, Secretary; Henry Reininga, Treasurer.

Onzetoekomst, Apr. 9, 1909.

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CONCERNING THE CHICAGO DIVISION OF THE GENERAL DUTCH LEAGUE

As usual, the meeting of the above mentioned organization, held last Thursday evening in one of the halls of the Hastings Street Church, was scantily attended. But we can say that those who were present, enjoyed themselves immensely.

The Reverend N. Boyer, gave a beautiful reading about the poet Bilderdijk, and Mr. T. H. Koopmans one about Jan. Pieter Heije especially as a Children's poet, according to the recently celebrated 100 year birthday of the less known, but greatly appreciated poet. Both of the speakers held their audiences spell-bound, and it was evident that it came from the heart, when the meeting sang, with Mr. Allebrandt at the piano, the well known national anthem by Heye: "See Beautiful Colors of Netherlands Flag!"

Onzetoekomst, Apr. 9, 1909.

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The question of whether or not it would be possible or advisable, to celebrate the coming Hudson celebration, (September) commemorating the settlement of the Dutch in New York, also in Chicago, was assigned to the administration and Mr. Oosterheert, as the sponsor of the motion was himself made an advisory member. Attempts will be made to interest all Dutch societies in Chicago for this purpose.

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[URGES DANES TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY]

Carl Hansen writes an appeal to all Danish societies to unite at least once a year for the celebration of the Danish Day of Independence, which is June 5th every year. He knows that it is very hard to get the Danes in Chicago to unite; there is too much jealousy between the different societies and the different individuals. But once, in 1899, the Danes got together and celebrated their National Day in a proper manner, and the result was the biggest gathering of Danes every seen outside of Denmark, a crowd of 10,000. The Danes in Chicago ought to elect or send delegates to a permanent National Committee; this was also the case in 1899, but the president, Niels Juul, was attacked so violently in The Danish Pioneer that he gave up, and dropped the whole thing. This year it will be 60 years since the Danes got their own constitution in 1849. The occasion will be celebrated on June 6.

Onzetoekomst, Jan. 22, 1909.

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DIVISION CHICAGO GENERAL DUTCH LEAGUE

The annual general meeting of the General Dutch League, took place last Tuesday evening, in the Church of the First Reformed Congregation on Hastings Street. Even, though at the beginning the meetings were tedious, and the attendance so small, that hardly a quorum was present, when the annual report of the Secretary was heard and it was discovered what was actually accomplished by the Division, that condition underwent a considerable change, and the attitude became more cheerful, even though we were reminded by that report of the death of the former President Dr. D. Birkhoff. To publish that report would require too much space.

We are happy to say, that the Division now counts with 43 members, which is an increase of 6 members over a year ago. The meeting elected the following officers for the current year: H. Jacobsma, J. Oeboer, L. Holstein, Th. Koopmans, and Reverend N. Boer. The three first mentioned had several full terms and were re-elected, while the last two took the places of the former Dr. Birkhoff, and of Reverend E. Breen, who will leave Chicago.

Onzetoekomst, Jan 22, 1909.

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After the retiring President, Reverend Breen, had thanked the division for the faith in him, Mr. Th. Koopmans also gave to him a word of thanks for the energy and devotion with which he had served the Division.

To Mr. Oosterheert went openly a word of thanks for the large amount of work, done by him in connection with the petition for a Chair at the Chicago University, for the teaching of the Dutch language, History and Literature, of which he did the lions share.

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Onze Toekomst, Sept. 4, 1908.

GENERAL NETHERLANDS LEAGUE, CHICAGO SECTION

The meeting of the General Netherlands League, which was held Monday night at the First Christian Reformed Church of Englewood, was a great success. In spite of the warm weather the meeting was well attended, and the people present listened to the speakers with undeviating attention. One could see that the matter aroused great interest.

The president, Dr. E. Breen, announced that the board of directors, in the name of the Section, had sent a telegram with best wishes to Her Majesty the Queen of Holland in remembrance of her birthday anniversary.

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Onzetoekomst, May 22, 1908.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROSELAND

The Roseland section of the General-Netherlands-League of Chicago, celebrated its 4th yearly performance at Willebrordus Hall, 11406 Curtis Avenue, on Tuesday, May 12th.

A large audience filled the hall and everybody was in a real Dutch spirit. The program, which required lots of preparatory work, was performed with the greatest of accuracy and great success,

The committee of **this** section consists of, Mr. Frank Knol, President; Gerrit Pon, Secretary; and Cornelus Jongedyk, Treasurer.

WPA (ILL.) PROJ. 30275

Onze Toekomst, May 8, 1908.**"EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT" (IN UNION IS STRENGTH)**

The festive meeting of our Netherlands' Society, "Eendracht Maakt Macht" (In Union is Strength), celebrated the closing of the season, and it shall be remembered by all the people who were present, for a long time. The Society had many friendly meetings, but at this one it seemed, everyone did his utmost to make it a wonderful success. A good program was carried out. The plays satisfied the guests so well that it would be unfair to mention anybody in particular.

The only exceptions were the songs, and instrumental performances of the ladies. Agnes and Frances Bloemsma, Kathrine Glatt, Elizabeth Hartle, Mr. Mammoser-Zuurbier, and Elizabeth and Arnold Buskens played the guitar, the mandolin, the violin and the piano cleverly and duets and quartets received great attention and applause.

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Onze Toekomst, May 8, 1908.

The Feast-Committee deserves thanks for the excellent arrangements which required considerable preparatory work.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 15, 1907.

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### SAINT NICHOLAS SOCIETY

Two years ago Messrs. Christ Kriusenga, H. Van der Ploer, and John Broekema planned to start a club of old Dutch settlers who arrived in this country before the year 1870.

Their purpose was to give a dinner every year at a local club, and then to revive the experiences and struggles of these pioneers. Their plan was a great success.

Last year this scheme was carried out again with such great success that all people present decided to establish a permanent club, with a meeting every year.

A committee was chosen for a year with Dr. D. Birkhoff, as President; Mr. Sietse de Vries, treasurer; Mr. J. Tillusacher, secretary. After a year another committee will be chosen.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 15, 1907.

The plan to take as members only people who settled in this country before 1870 has been changed. All Dutchmen, who are American citizens, of good conduct, and who have lived here for at least 15 years, can become members.

For the third time this celebration will take place on December the 6th, our Santa Claus day, at the Bismarck Hotel. We are expecting a large crowd. The speakers will be Dr. D. Birkhoff, Mr. A. Klooster, Dr. Hagens, Consul General Geo. Birkhoff, Jr., and Dr. N. Boer. Undoubtedly it will be another great success.

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Onze Toekomst, March 1, 1907.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION "EENRACHT MAAKT MAGHT."  
( UNITY MAKES STRENGTH)

It was on February 3, 13 years ago, that eleven men gathered to discuss the establishment of a society. These eleven men knew what they wanted and their meeting and perseverance was the medium for organizing the society, Emm. In remembrance of this event, Emm held its 13th annual meeting on February 23rd. During its existence, it collected a small contribution of 10 cents per week, the society has accumulated a treasury amounting to over \$1,500 at present. It has not only been able to acquire a treasury but has shown itself at all times to be helpful to the membership and also to those Hollanders who were not members and who proved their need. During the Boer war this society, was in the front in supporting the Boers financially in their great struggle with England. That Emm, during all that time has survived and has been successful, is not only proof that it is not composed of disreputable persons, but that it is founded upon good principles, and that the executives and the members know how to cooperate. On the occasion of its 13th anniversary Emm celebrated by having a feast in the beautiful Sibuse Hall on 12th Street last Saturday. This great auditorium was more than filled by the members and those generally interested. This feast was a great success, and the feast-committee has shown that they were fully able to carry out the task assigned to them.



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The orchestra consisted partly of members, and in a short while there is a possibility that they will have their own orchestra. The feast was very successful and it was proven again that the beautiful saying "Eendracht maakt macht" is not just a hollow sound.

C. B. Koopseer.

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Onze Toekomst, June 8, 1906.

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CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GET PICTURE OF QUEEN WILHELMINA

The administration of the Chicago Division of the General Dutch League, decided on their last meeting to present to the different Dutch Christian Schools in Chicago and to the Theological Schools at Holland and Grand Rapids, Michigan, a beautifully colored picture of Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina.



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Onze Toekomst, April 13, 1906.



CHICAGO DIVISION OF THE GENERAL DUTCH LEAGUE

At the last held executive meeting, of the Chicago division of the General Dutch League, the program was decided upon for the coming meeting Tuesday evening, in the Church of the First Christian Reformed Congregation on 14th Street. Of this meeting you will find an announcement in this number of Onze Toekomst. We can add nothing to this except to state, that everyone who is interested in the well-being of our people, here and in the Netherlands and in all corners of the world, is energetically invited, not to let this opportunity pass by. Let us as Dutchmen support the well-being and prosperity of our people, especially where this is so closely connected with the wellbeing of this land, our newly accepted Fatherland. At this executive meeting it was also decided to establish a respectable Dutch library, the details to be worked out later. This work was started by a gift of \$50.00, which was our division's share of a donation to the General Dutch League of \$500.00, by H. M. Queen Wilhelmina, for the purpose to spend among the Netherlanders who live abroad, in this case those who live in Chicago. The library will be named "The Queen Wilhelmina Library", in her honor. The administration hesitated somewhat to make the above mentioned decision, not knowing whether the attendance would be sufficient to justify the establishment of such a library. We are happy nevertheless that this decision was made, because nothing else could serve better to teach our people Dutch grammar, knowledge and wisdom of all descriptions, as a respectable gathering of Dutch literature.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 6, 1906.

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## ROSELAND GENERAL DUTCH LEAGUE ENTERTAINS

The division Roseland of the "General Dutch League" gave an entertainment Thursday, March 29, in the "Leandia Hall" with great success. More than two hundred persons were present and the program was liked by everyone. Every time the opportunity presents itself the Dutch American again feels that he has not forgotten the land and people and especially the language which he formerly called his own.

And why should he forget them? He cannot know the history, the quality of the people, and the Dutch national institutions unless he is proud of them. The division expects to raise its membership to two hundred names.

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Onze Toekomst, Aug. 30, 1922.

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## NETHERLANDERS CELEBRATE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

On August 31, the birthday of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, the Roseland division of the General Netherland Union will give an exceptionally interesting program at Palmer Park, 111th Street, and Indiana Avenue. The Dutch Tri-Color, which is honored by all nations, will wave next to the American Tri-Color.

Small courageous, God-protected Holland was the only nation, worthy of mention, which had the courage to oppose the war God of this age of civilization and may God keep her firm in the times of popular perplexity as at this hour. Holland, courageous, charitable, richly represented in Roseland. Seventy-three years ago, a few Hollanders settled on the prairies of Illinois. Those few multiplied to a population of about 10,000. Most of them are alike as to religion, honoring the God of Heaven in nine churches.



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They built two schools in which they taught their children to be genuine American citizens, who, worship the God of Creation and turn their backs to Darwinism. Not alone do the Hollanders speak through their churches, but the well-known "Ave", is witness to their thrift and adventure, testifying to their clean and well located stores.

Roseland was insignificant without the Hollanders, and America became what it is, not because of Johnny Bull, nor of the glory of Marianette, but of the world famed quality and sacrificing ability of the stubborn Dutchman.

NETHERLANDERS CELEBRATE

On April 1, Alva lost Den Briel. (Den Briel was the first town to surrender to the conqueror, Alva). Yes sir - it was 350 years ago that this feat was accomplished, but that day will forever live as one of the weightiest and most touching happenings in the history of the Netherlands. No - in the history of the entire world! In the Netherlands, this week is one of celebration. The Tricolor and Orange will wave from balcony and tower, because the Netherlands never forgets its history nor the deeds of God. They do not forget how, with a strong hand and mighty arm, they were liberated from Spain, and placed in the row of world powers, and made their fathers looked up to by all the other powers. That is why the Netherlands celebrate.

Is it a wonder that the ring of our men's societies decided not to let this happening go by unnoticed. And do you not say with me that the entire Dutch population of Chicago joins in the plan to celebrate this important happening, Thursday evening, in the Church of the First Christian Reform Congregation, at 71st Street.

Onze Toekomst, April 5, 1922.



That is the central point. Everyone can get there from Roseland, the West Side, and even outside of the city. Preparations are made to receive a large crowd. Dr. Jan Van Lonkhuizen will be the main speaker. Just the man for such an occasion. The music will be furnished by the Roseland Orchestra. It will be a genuine Holland-American evening. It is our duty, as descendants of a people great and strong through fearlessness, and as American citizens of Holland blood, to attend.

No one should say, "What do I care about Holland and what do I care about Den Briel." We care for Holland very much, and we care about Den Briel. That will be clear to us at that meeting. It is not a shame, but an honor to be a descendant from the Cradle of Liberty.

Onze Toekomst, Sep. 9, 1910.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

The meeting convoked last week by the Chicago Section of the General Netherlands' League to celebrate the birthday of the Queen of Holland was in every way a great success.

The hall was beautifully decorated and the attendance was good. The speeches were listened to with the utmost attention, and everybody went home satisfied.

The meeting was so successful on account of the cooperation given by the music-corps "Harmonic" and by Mr. and Miss Rynberk.

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Onze Toekomst, Sept. 2, 1910.

### LABOR DAY

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday in September, originally set apart as a festive day, a day for workmen's pageants and the displays of labor unions, is fortunately being used more and more by our Dutch people to hold important meetings and national Christian festivals.

This year we are to have two of these celebrations. The League of Christian School Societies and the Young Men's Association will hold their national convention this time at Palos. The program proves that this national convention will be inferior in no respect to that of last year. Learning by experience, the organization has certainly improved.

In Riverside Park a general mission festival will be held of which the program may be found in this issue. The Men's Mission Association of the First Reformed Congregation on Hastings Street was the prime mover of this celebration.

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The program is proof that it is under good management.

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Onze Toekomst, Aug. 26, 1910.

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### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Next Wednesday evening, August 31st, the Chicago Section of the General Netherlands' League will hold a general meeting to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Because last year the hall had been too small, this time a larger one has been rented.

The Queen's birthday is for our Dutch people a day of national rejoicing. It is a pity that we have been unable so far to make of this day a General Netherlands' Day. It could be celebrated by all the Dutch people irrespective of political and religious affiliations. The time for it has come now. The only thing we need is a good leader, who knows how to present this fact.

But in the meantime, let us make use of the opportunity offered by the General Netherlands' League, and spend the evening together at Pilsen Hall, Ashland Avenue and 18th Street.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 22, 1910.

### THE BIRTHDAY OF PRINCESS JULIANA

On April 30, 1910 we will celebrate in Chicago the first birthday of our beloved Princess Juliana.

In "The Netherlands" this day will be celebrated through the entire country. A couple of songs have been arranged for this occasion and many preparations are being made for the celebration.

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Onze Toekomst, July 23, 1909.

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CELEBRATE QUEEN'S DAY

The administration of the Chicago Division of the General Dutch League, in its last monthly meeting held at the home of Reverend N. Boer, decided to have a celebration on August 31 (Queen's day), and hopes that all good Hollanders will respond.



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Onze Toekomst, April 19, 1907.

HOLLAND SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

The Holland Society celebrated last Tuesday evening, the birth-day of William the Silent, at a banquet in the annex of the Chicago Athletic Club.

The main speaker and guest of the evening, was Congressman Winfield S. Hammond, of Minnesota, who spoke on the "Sovereign State".

As officers for the coming year were chosen Holger de Roode, president; John H. Roseboom, vice-president; Christian Kreusinga, secretary and Alfred B. Roseboom, treasurer.

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Onzetoekomst, Dec. 25, 1908.

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### CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION

It is remarkable how little attention generally is given to the literal meaning of Christmas, although the celebration of that day is universal among all nations.

In many cases the celebration of the day, ends in sinful and insipid amusements, while they forget, "The Child of Bethlehem".

Especially in our country, where people are observing or having Christmas mingled with St. Nicholas, in consequence that Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating is lowered to an imaginary Santa-Claus.

There is no harm in giving presents and in fixing up a Christmas tree, but people are taking a risk by seeing in these worthless things of high value, through which Christmas is loosing altogether its religious meaning.

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But in spite of all, this day of rejoicing is for the Christ worshippers a feast of excellence, the feast of all feast, the birth of God's word becoming flesh, from whom the Evangelist testifies: "Thus God has loved the world, and has given his only, begotten son, so he, who believes in Christ, is not doomed, but shall have eternal life".

It is not the birthday of a human being, but the Son of God, "Jesus Christ".

For that reason Christmas is not an ordinary holiday. It is not for the follower of Christ, another free day, which is spent with eating and drinking, with giving and receiving of presents, which cause false flattery and thanksgivings, but a day when the Light of the world appears through all ages, in spite of resistance and persecution of Satan and his companions, has brought enlightenment to the nations of the earth, and has showed to be a light of enlightenment to the heathens, and to the **gloriosness** of the people of "Israel".

The coming of Christ in the flesh is the most important event in the history of humanity.

Onzetoekomst, Dec. 25, 1908.

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His arrival was preached by the poets, sang by the angels, but nevertheless, misunderstood by all, because it is the miracle of miracles. God became man, as any of us, "born from a woman, originated under the law".

A Christmas without Christ, is a world without light, a life without hope. It is just for that reason, why the Satan does everything, that is in his power to take away Christmas gospel from the Christmas celebration, and to put something else in its place. That is why the multitude of those, who hate the Cross of Christ, are doing their best to forget, the real meaning of the day, and to show us misery and depravity. Naturally, people are still singing, "The Child in the manger", but does everybody mean "The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord", as was announced, by the Angels?

The history of Christmas is so simple, and beautiful. "Glory to God in the highest heavens, peace to the people on earth!" But is not that story simple, the way it is told by the Evangelist, without any affectation, without any idea of fear over sensibilities? Simple, beautiful, but majestic.

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REPORT OF THE CHICAGO DIVISION OF THE GENERAL DUTCH LEAGUE FOR THE YEAR 1906-7

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

To appear before you this evening to offer you the second annual report of our division, affords me much pleasure and I trust, it will be the same to you. If many had expected, that our division would have ceased to exist, that thought, luckily was not confirmed; just the opposite, according to all indications, it has come to stay. Compared to human life, our division has reached the age, in which one learns to walk. But you know, how the child at that time needs the aid of other.... Taken as a whole, the year 1906, for us, can be successful. The board has been able to convene regularly each month, and the minutes can prove to you, that not alone through faithful attendance, but also through earnest consideration, it has indicated that it has the welfare of our division at heart. Two open, and two ordinary meetings were held in the past year. The first open meeting took place on April 17, in the First Christian Reformed Church 14th Street. The speaker for that evening was Rev. Broekstra of Englewood. He made a beautiful speech on the subject: "lasting relationship with the Dutch race is necessary for those of Dutch descent, in this country to be a blessing for the American people".... The second open meeting was held on August 31 (Queens day) in the First Reformed Church on Hastings street. The President, then, gave us a

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and Koelikamp. Through the medium of the executive board, we received a gift from Queen Wilhelmina of fifty Florins, which gave momentum to the establishment of a Wilhelmina - Library, for which the first shipment of books can be expected soon. Correspondence with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce at New York was had, with the view of organizing such a Chamber of Commerce in Chicago, but the Board considered it necessary not to go into such an undertaking for the present, on account of the many hardships connected with it. The correspondence with the executive Board has been regularly kept up and was always of a friendly nature. Lately there has also been correspondence with the Book committee. From the West - Indies we received an inquiry about conditions in the United States for the benefit of a very promising and brilliant young man. We also received a letter from Denver - Colorado, for information concerning a certain branch of trade, and from Asia for information and help for the building of a factory for the manufacture of Cotton - seed oil. A report of the Chamber of Commerce of Smyrna was sent to us, and one from Haarlem of the Colonial Museum, which is located there. From the executive Board we receive monthly, propaganda numbers of Neerlandia. (Official publication of the General Dutch League). They also mailed us 25 pictures of H. M. Wilhelmina, which were gratis and 25 at our request, for the low price of 30 Dutch cents, a piece. Besides every member having received one, the picture also decorates the walls of the Theological School in Grand Rapids, the Theological Seminary at Holland, Mich., and the Christian

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and the Christian Schools 104th Street and Englewood. From this you will get an idea of some of the work we seek to accomplish. Our membership, which last year had mounted to 30, is now increased by 8, that would be a membership of 38, but during the past year 4 resigned and 2 were scratched by the Board. Thus the members in good standing actually count 32. The By - laws were amended so that the Board has control over the acceptance of all new members. In 1905 we were exempt from contributing to the general fund, but this year we did not take advantage of that privilege and sent our share to the executive board. Even then the Treasurer's book closed with a net balance. From the outside we were treated royally. The use of the Churches was gratis and the singing school and men's choir served us gratis. Looking back on the year just passed, we have reasons to be thankful and that gives us courage to face the future hopefully. Naturally we have not yet reached our goal, but in the Division itself, signs of life are beginning to show, and if I am not mistaken, these signs are an assurance for the acquisition perfection.

H. Jacobsma, Secretary.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION OF THE "A. N. V." ("GENERAL DUTCH LEAGUE")

The Chicago Division of the "General Dutch League," held its annual general meeting, last Wednesday, as advertised. The attendance was fairly good, although it could have been better. Even though the number of those attending was not large, their spirit for the worthy purpose of the League was much greater and each of those present showed by word and deed that they had resolved to work continuously to achieve that purpose. Two officers had to be chosen, a President and a Vice-President. For President H. Berends was re-elected and for Vice-President, the Rev. E. Breen, in place of H. U. Masman, the retiring member. The report of the Treasurer showed a net balance of \$8 for the year. The report of the Secretary was very encouraging. From that we report the following: It is nearly two years since your reporter came from Michigan to Chicago. In Michigan he was a member of the Grand Rapids division, which formed a part of the "Western Branch D", of the "General Dutch League". When he arrived here, he found no division, and he felt as though he were missing something. Through correspondence with the Board of Directors he saw the possibility of organizing a independent division for Chicago. He spoke about that with some of his friends, with the result that on May 29th, a meeting was held for that purpose in Ruehl's Hall. On this first meeting, nineteen persons showed their readiness to become members of the new division. Although the necessary twenty members to form an independent

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division was not reached, there was no doubt that on a following meeting there would be more than enough. For this reason it was resolved to meet again in the near future. On June 8th we met again, this time in the hall at 535 Blue Island Ave. Three new members joined and so our membership rose to twenty-two, and our infant was born on June 8th, 1905. A Constitution and by-laws were made up, and the name, "Division Chicago of the General Dutch League" accepted. It was decided to hold another meeting as soon as possible and this took place on June 21st. On the occasion of this meeting we gained another new member, and a permanent Board was chosen consisting of the following gentlemen: Berends, Masman, Jacobsma, De-Boer and Holstein. Since that time, proceedings have gone on in the regular way. The Board has met seven times. On August 31st, (Queens Day), a general meeting was held in which all could participate. This meeting was well attended and could be called very successful. In the press, the Board defended the language and the honor of our Nation, as, among others, in a Dutch paper, that had the temerity to say that "the Dutch language was a luxury", in the Chicago Daily News, which declared that The Hague was the capitol of the Netherlands. Regular correspondence was had with the central Board of Directors. It recognized us as an independent self-supporting division and served us by giving help and advice. so for my report. Let us prepare, with the greatest of effort, to carry on as good citizens of the United States, those ideals, the American life by which our nation is known. And this we cannot do except by working in unison, strong efforts,

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and true perseverance. When we do this, we can extort respect from our fellow-citizens, and they will also recognize us as a nation, and why not? Our past is glorious, but our present, also is not to be overlooked. To mention only a few things for instance: Our artists Mesdag, Bosman, Israels. Are they not famous? And are not our Dutch engineers being given preference in foreign countries? For example: De Ryke, in China. and what is the reason that we should not be able to do something here? Why is there no course at the Chicago University in Dutch history and literature? Why could not a Dutch Chamber of Commerce flourish here as well as elsewhere? Why... but I end with the wish that we all have the feeling that we can amount to something here, if we insist. The "Division" now has a total membership of thirty. The number should be three hundred. Apply for membership to the Secretary, H. Jacobsma, 620 W. 14th Place - Chicago.

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The new Dutch Presbyterian Church at Hamlin and Armitage Avenues, will give a public Easter performance under the direction of the teachers and pupils of the Sunday-School.

Onze Toekomst, Oct. 26, 1927.

IMMANUEL CHURCH



A colorful mixed choir of 50 voices sang for the second time in the Immanuel Church in Roseland, October 20th. This Church in my opinion is one of the simplest and yet the most useful and stately churches in this entire region. It is a "near cross" building with the side walls built high, supplied with three windows in good proportion. Above the entrance is a gallery and the entrance is covered and supplied with two rooms in it's wings. Entering you look from a height down to the speaker's platform, which is so situated that the speaker is visable from the seats, 80 in number, at all times. Behind the platform is the beautiful organ, which surpasses any other church organ in sweetness of sound and in harmony of tone. The organ was installed by C. Jellema. This organ was masterfully played by the organist of the choir in accompaniment to many beautiful songs. The first song; "Joy and Peace shall dwell in Thee" was the outstanding song of the evening. "Ride O King", "I Long to be a Christian" and "Nearer My God to Thee", were almost as beautiful. The solo, duets and quartettes, which were delivered in between, were also extremely good as was "Jerusalem" which was sung by the director of the choir. There was soul, feeling, life and strength in those songs and I am certain that no one in the over crowded church went home dissatisfied. The meeting was led by the Rev. Muellenburg of South Holland, while the Rev. Alshuis of Englewood made the opening prayer, and at closing gave the

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blessing. The Rev. Muelenburg opened with a request to sing "Sail On, Sail On" which wonderfully inspiring and touching, flowed through the building from a thousand voices accompanied by the powerful organ. Mr. Ettema, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ettema, is the organist who leads the song services on Sunday.

Onze Toekomst, June 15, 1927.

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF THE DOUGLAS PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CONGREGATION

In another part of this paper you will find the report that the cornerstone of the new Douglas Park Christian Reformed Church building, will be laid on Saturday June 18. We give herewith a short History of this congregation. Many of the members, who formerly belonged to the First Christian Reformed Church on 14th street, moved further West. The distance made the organization of a new congregation imperative. On April 19, 1899, this congregation was organized. A Committee appointed by the Classis, helped in the work. The brothers, R. Tinge, R. Dykhuis, and H. Bulthuis, were chosen as elders on that occasion. As deacons were chosen the brothers F. Brands, M. Hoekstra, and G. Slager. The consistory was officially installed by the Rev. Jriemersma. The first meeting place was in a store on 1732 West 12th Street, where services were held until September 24th, 1900. On September 17, 1899, the first Pastor, the Rev. F. Welandt, was installed in office, by the Rev. K. Kuiper. The congregation was incorporated by the State of Illinois on October 16, 1899. On March 5, 1900, ground was broken to commence building of a Church. On September 27, 1900 this building was occupied and put in use by the congregation. The Rev. Welandt preached a sermon at the **dedication** according to Genesis 28:17.... Since it's organization, the congregation has expanded from 21 to 81 families. The Rev. Welandt served the congregation for more than five years with visible blessing. On December 17, 1905, Rev. I. de Leeuw

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was installed in his official capacity, by Rev. I. Fles. Tagerly and industriously, the Rev. de Leeuw worked among the congregation for a period of five years. The Rev. Manni, shortly thereafter accepted the call, and on August 21, 1910, he was officially connected with the congregation. Rev. Manni also worked with visible blessings among the congregation. After six years of service this servant of the Lord, also left our congregation. In 1917, the Rev. J. O. Vos came to us and after 10 years of labor, richly blessed, he left the congregation on 1926.

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### THE MARTIN LUTHER FILM

On Friday, March 4th the "Young men's Society of the First Christian Reformed Church" will present for your approval an eight reel motion picture entitled, "Martin Luther, His Life and Time". A most remarkable picture, showing in detail the life of the great reformer and the age in which he lived. Conditions in the Roman Church during the period of the Reformation are portrayed. The student, Martin Luther, finds the Bible in the library of the University of Erfurt, 1502. Martin Luther vowing to become a monk during a thunderstorm, July 2, 1505. The young monk Luther in the Augustinian Cloister at Erfurt, 1506. Luther's first view of the eternal city as he approached Rome, October, 1511. Luther, nailing the ninety-five thesis upon the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, October 31st, 1517. Disputation between Luther and Eck in Leipzig, July 5th, 1519. Luther before Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms, on the evening of April 18th, 1521. Luther preaches beneath a linden tree in the village of Mohra on the morning of May 4th, 1521. Luther's marriage with Catharina Von Bora on, June 13th, 1525. These and many other phases of Luthers life are portrayed. Truly this is a picture that must be seen to be appreciated. Don't fail to see it at Orchestra Hall, Friday, 8:15 P M....

Endorsement of picture by Dr. Clarence Bouma. The committee received the follow-

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ing letter from Dr. Clarence Bouma dated February 2nd, 1927: "Replying to your recent letter in which you request my endorsement, if possible, of your proposed plan to present the film entitled "Martin Luther, his Life and Time" under your own auspices, and for the benefit of the Chicago Christian High School, allow me to say the following. From my lecture on "The Movies" delivered on various occasions you may know, that I am the sworn foe of the corrupting influence exerted by the present - day moving picture theatre. The average moving picture theatre is, in my opinion, a positively demoralizing influence, and ought not to be patronized and supported by Christian people. The art of moto-photography, however, which the moving picture houses are using almost invariably, today, for their corrupting and debasing purposes, is in itself an art which, under proper limitation and judicious control, can and ought to be used for the highest educational purposes. Any attempt to produce films, which are truly clean, educational and inspiring, and to present such films under proper auspices to the Christian public, ought to be welcomed and deserves our support. Now without a moment passing upon all its details, I consider the Luther film, produced under Christian auspices in Germany, a splendid help to our Christian public to cultivate love for, and appreciation of, the great work of God accomplished through the heroic reformer of Wittenberg. I heartily endorse your plan to present this film under your own auspices and am convinced you are in this way furnishing clean, instructive and inspiring entertainment to the Christian public, which ought with

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increased determination, to turn its back upon the present day moving picture theatre with its worldly, demoralizing influence.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Bouma.

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THE CHICAGO JEWISH MISSION OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

The visitation of Jews, in their homes **or places** of business is part of our work. In this, all missionaries participate and, on the average, we pay about sixty visits per month. We do this work systematically. For this we have a "card index" system. For each family, whom we visit, we write a card on which is written the name, age, and the nationality of the members, whether they are orthodox, modern, or unbelieving Jews, whether they own a Bible, and in which classes and meetings in our mission, the various members of the family participate. As soon as one of us comes in contact with a new family, a card for that family is written. To get acquainted with a new family we must have **a medium**. In our city, we find the doors to the homes of those not known to us mostly locked. Now the medium we often find in the children, who visit our classes. We also find our medical work, a very good medium to get more intimate with new families.



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If someone has had help from us, once, then he stands ready as a rule to let us in later, when we knock at his door. We consider this work very useful.

We not only get to know the peculiar characteristics of the Jews, their habits, religious understanding, and their normal life, but we also get better **acquainted** with those who attend our mission from time to time.

This is necessary if we want to acquaint ourselves with their spiritual needs. If we wish to speak to a person, according to his ability to understand, then we must know him. In this "house visitation" we often experience much that is discouraging, but sometimes encouraging. Another time we hope to tell something about our experiences.

William Yonker.





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BUILDING CAMPAIGN

The Third Christian Reformed Congregation, of which Rev. J. J. Weersing is Pastor, has held a campaign to gather funds for the expenditures that must be made in connection with the building of a new church, and the placing of an organ. Although the full quo to was not reached, the collections were exceptionally good. Monday evening \$1,547.00 and Tuesday evening \$405.00 were contributed, for the building fund and Thursday evening \$1,781.00, for the organ.

This congregation has already built a parsonage and, in that way, will soon have a beautiful group of buildings.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 24, 1926.

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### AFRICAN MISSIONARY SPEAKS

Miss Veenstra, missionary in Africa, spoke Monday, November 15th, in the First Christian Reformed Church, in the interest of this mission.

The attendance was very large, representing the four Roseland congregations. The speaker told with great skill about her work among the Colored people which God seemingly had blessed.

The sum of over \$200.00 was collected, that night, for the work of Miss Veenstra among the Blacks of South Africa.

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Onze Toekomst, Sept. 15, 1926.

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FAREWELL PARTY FOR ARABIAN MISSIONARIES

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The First Reformed Congregation gave a farewell party for the missionaries, Rev. John Van Es and Miss Zwantina De Young, who will again go to Arabia to busy themselves in that far reaching missionary field, among the Mohammedans.

The Rev. Van Es has been a missionary there for the last twenty years, and / an exceptionally large task to perform.

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## MISSIONARY FIELD DAY

In favorable weather, the annual "Missionary Field" day, given by the Missionary Committee of the Reformed Churches of Chicago and vicinity, was held last Monday, July 5, 1926, at 111th Street and Western Avenue. The following program was the order of the day: Morning program- 10 A.M. Selection by the band of Mt. Greenwood. Hymn America.- Psalm 98:1- Prayer and welcome address, president of the day, Rev. H. Van der Naald. Hymn- Speech (Dutch) Rev. C. Schroeder, Archer Avenue Reformed Church. Address, Miss Lula D. Erwin, Chicago representative of the American Mission to Lepers. Hymn- Address, Rev. R. Van der Burg, Second Reformed Church of Englewood. Hymn- Prayer for dinner.

Afternoon program: 2 P. M. Selection, band. Psalm 25:2- prayer- Hymn- Address, Dr. Louis Dame, Arabia. Hymn- Address, Rec. C. P. Meeker, Chicago Hebrew Mission. Speech (Dutch) Rev. M. Flipse. Home mission. Hymn- Address, Rev. Edwin Koepe, China. Hymn- Offering. Address, Mrs. Louis Dame, Arabia. Exercises, Kensington Italian Mission. Closing by the president of the day. After the band played "Loli Deo Gloria". Everything in the canteen was sold. Everybody returned home well satisfied.

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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 10, 1926.

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### WOMEN ORGANIZE MISSIONARY UNION

The Women's Missionary Union of the Christian Reformed Churches of Chicago and vicinity. On December 8th, 1925, delegates of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Christian Reformed Churches of Chicago and vicinity met to organize a union of women of our Church group and their friends, who were interested in mission work. Great interest and spirit was shown at this meeting. Dr. Henry Beets explained the why and wherefore of such a missionary union, and took as his topic: "Why Our Women Ought To Organize A Missionary Union."

An organization was soon created, and all looked hopefully towards the first meeting.

(The above was sent to us by Mrs. Gilmer Kuiper, together with the announcement of the first meeting, on Thursday April 15, - The editor.)

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ARCHER AVENUE CHURCH ELECTS CANDIDATES FOR PASTOR

At the last held consistory meeting of the Archer Avenue Reformed Church of Chicago, the following candidates for pastor of this church were named: Rev. Carl Schroeder, Indianapolis, Indiana; G. H. Maat Ustick, Spring Valley, Illinois; and a student L. Brunsting of the theological seminary.

Next Friday the congregation hopes to choose one of the two as their pastor. Despite the fact that this congregation has no pastor, there is a good deal of church activity, which is proved by the fact that a choir has just been organized, consisting of twenty-two members. They practise every Friday night.

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DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BUILDING OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CONGREGATION AT  
72ND AND PEORIA STREETS, ENGLEWOOD, CHICAGO.

After the dedication of the church had been postponed several times the building was finally turned over and the dedication ceremonies could proceed. The consistory had prepared a good program for this event. The building was filled to more than its capacity, (not only) on both evenings. An interested crowd listened to the speakers, singers, and so forth. Two of the former pastors of the congregation, Rev. J. R. Brink and Rev. H. J. Kuiper, were present and spoka. The Rev. Brink made a speech on "The Church and Its Vicinity," and the Rev. Kuiper talked on "The Job of the Church." The collection, taken on this occasion, amounted to about \$360. Sunday morning and evening the Rev. Tuuk spoke before a large crowd in the new church.

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It gives a royal impression, and is finished beautifully inside as well as out. Mr. Ecklund, the architect, can be proud of his work. The auditorium has approximately 550 seats and the balcony 170 seats. In the basement is a large hall, library, catechism room, consistory room, kitchen, and so forth. In the tower, on the corner, hangs a bell, a gift of the Men's Society. The floor in the auditorium is covered with carpet donated by the Ladies Society, while the beautiful pulpit furniture was given by the Young Ladies Federation. The entire building is a gain to the community.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Chicago "Women's Missionary Union," classes of Chicago and Illinois, will be held in the First Reformed Church of Mt. Greenwood, Illinois, Tuesday September 29, 1925. The morning session opens at 10 o'clock, at which the devotional and principal address will be in the Dutch language. The afternoon has a session at 2 P. M. and the evening at 7:30 P. M. The speakers will be Mrs. De Witt Knox, President of the "Women's Board of Foreign Missions"; Mrs. John S. Allen, Secretary of the "Women's Board of Domestic Missions"; Miss Tena Holheboer of China; Rev. E. Chou of the Japanese Mission, N. Y.; Rev. John Van Ess and Mrs. John Van Ess of Arabia.

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Onze Toekomst, June 3, 1925.

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## HOLLANDERS VISIT CEMETERY

The Hollanders, who visited Mt. Auburn Cemetery on Decoration Day, were all well pleased with the place set aside for the Dutch, and the satisfaction showed not only in what was said, but was proved by four persons who signed contracts for the purchase of a lot. A large number visited the place, and witnessed the turning over of the three lots by the Company to the six congregations on the West side; as a burial place for their poor.

A short and fitting speech was given by Rev. Van der Noald in English and by Rev. J. O. Vos in the Dutch language, when accepting this gift.

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MT. AUBURN CEMETERY.

A copy of the deed of lots donated by the company of the Dutch churches of Chicago's West Side and Southwest Side: To the Dutch of Chicago:

Whereas, The Chicago Park Cemetery is a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, and

Whereas, The said corporation is the owner of Mt. Auburn Cemetery, located at West 41st Street and South Oak Park Ave., in the village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and

Whereas, For some time a number of Dutch have desired a section in the cemetery for the exclusive burial of the remains of the departed members of Dutch families, and

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Whereas, The officers of said corporation, have designated a section in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, known as the Holland section, for the exclusive burial of the remains of the departed members of Dutch families of Chicago, now therefore, it is

Resolved by the officers of said cemetery company that the Dutch churches of the West Side of Chicago be given a plot of ground in said Holland section to be used for the charitable burial of the remains of Dutch people, and now therefore

Resolved that the said cemetery company hereby presents to the ministers of Holland churches in behalf of the Dutch the following lot numbers 173, 199, 200, containing 566.1 square ft., to be used for the purposes aforesaid.

Dated this 29th day of May, A. D. 1925. The Chicago Park Cemetery Company.  
By Henry Burkhardt, president; and Fred Langhof, secretary.

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Onze Toekomst, April 29, 1925.

TO THE DUTCH IN CHICAGO.

We, the undersigned, have for a long time pondered over the question of a desirable burial place for the Netherlands who live on the West Side, as well as for those who live in the western and southwestern suburban districts. After investigation we declare in unison, that the most ideal burial place for our deceased loved ones should be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, and for the following reasons: Mount Auburn Cemetery has set aside an entire section named the Holland Section, to be used entirely for the burial of members of Dutch families.

The Holland section is situated close to the main entrance and not in the rear of the cemetery. Mt. Auburn Cemetery is an old and well established cemetery. It is one of the most beautiful burial parks in Cook County.

Onze Toekomst, April 29, 1925.

Aside from the natural beauty, there are broad, winding, paved roads and perfect drainage system. The ground is entirely sand, which gives the owner of a lot the certainty that the graves will always be dry, regardless what season of the year. In our minds, it is the most ideal last resting place for our dead. Mt. Auburn is ideally situated. The cemetery borders on West 41st Street and South Oak Park Avenue. It can easily be reached by automobile, over paved roads, or by the use of the elevated or surface lines. The route runs west to South Oak Park Avenue and then further along the yellow bus line of the Chicago and West-Town Railways Company, straight to the entrance to the cemetery.

Family lots in this beautiful Holland section are offered for a short time, at very low prices. The cemetery company offers you an opportunity to select a lot on very easy conditions, by paying a small sum on the closing of the contract and the balance in small payments. The lots are tax free.

Onze Toekomst, April 29, 1925.

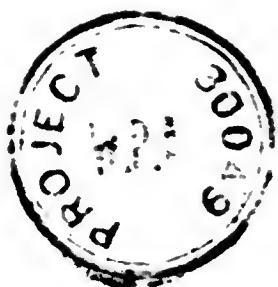
In our opinion, Holland families of the West Side will do wisely to make use of this opportunity to select a family lot. The cemetery company provides free transportation in case you want to inspect the place, without obligation on your part. Each family ought to realize the necessity to buy a lot. Signed Rev. H. Van der Naald, Rev. J. O. Vos, Rev. Herman Bel, Elder G. Bossenga, Elder D. Boersema, C. Leenhouts.

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## DOUGLAS PARK CHURCH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years ago, the Douglas Park Christian Reformed Church was organized and in memory of this, a celebration, which was planned before hand, was successful. But to everyone's sorrow, the pastor, Dr. J. O. Vos, on account of illness, could not participate in the festivities. According to last reports, his condition is still a cause for worry.

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Onze Toekomst, October 17, 1923.

DUTCH ROMAN CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Catholic colonization in the United States began in 1840, when Father Theo Van den Brock, a Dutch Dominican, after a missionary career of seventeen years among the Indians of the Middle West, returned to the Netherlands, where he published a booklet on Conditions in America. This booklet explained what bright prospects were in store for colonists of the type represented by the thrifty and hard-working people of Noord Brabant and Limburg especially. The result of his efforts was, that in March, 1848, he set out from Rotterdam with three shiploads of Catholic Hollanders. The vessels bore the names, "Maria Magdalena, America, and Libera." All who accompanied him settled in the Fox River Valley, a very fertile and beautiful area, but at that time an uncultivated and uncivilized, part of Wisconsin, between Lake Winnebago and Green Bay.



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This region at one time, 1630-1675, the missionary field of Fathers Marquette, Menard, Allones, Andre and Silvery, became the territory of these settlers. Many Catholic Dutch colonies followed those of 1848, and they have, after years of privation and thrift, established many prosperous settlements. The Fox River Valley, called, "The Heart of the State," still remains the center of Dutch Catholic colonization in the United States.

#### ORGANIZATION OF DUTCH ROMAN CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Although the number of Dutch Catholics in the United States is comparatively small, (about 40,000) and as they are scattered throughout nearly every State of the Union, there exists no National Society among them. In the Fox River Valley, however, they have many local societies among themselves for religious and social purposes.



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In June 1907, a league of Holland and Belgian priests was organized in Chicago for the twofold purposes of providing for the spiritual need of neglected Dutch and Belgian Catholics and of protecting and directing their **countrymen** on their arrival in America. This league, known as the Association of Belgian and Holland Priests, has been affiliated with the Church extension under the name of Holland and Belgian Section of the extension.

DUTCH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The parochial system of schools is vigorous in all the Holland Catholic settlements. In the Fox River Valley for instance, their parish schools are attended by thousands of children, who are taught by three score of teachers, who have always maintained a very high standard in all branches of the school curriculum.



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The Dutch language however, is not taught in any of them, with the result that of all non-English speaking people the Dutch settlers and especially their children have more rapidly learned and adopted the language and customs of the United States.

It may be said that the Dutch Catholics, both at home and abroad, have at all times shown themselves strong advocates and champions of religious education in the schools; hence, in parishes where their number is insufficient to form a congregation of their own, they pledge their material and moral support to parochial institutions, irrespective of nationality, and they manifest appreciation of, as well as fidelity to the fate which their forefathers kept and cherished thru ages of oppression and other forms of adversity.



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### DUTCH CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES AND CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES.

There are three Dutch orders of religions in the United States, two of men and one of women. The Premonstratensian Fathers, or more commonly known as Norbertines, from their founder H. Norbert, came to the United States in November 1893, from the Abbey of Berne, at Heeswyk, Holland.

In 1898, their monastery was canonically established at Depere, Wis., where about two hundred and fifty young men are being prepared for the priesthood, as well as the various other professions, Law, Medicine, Engineering and Business. The Crozier Fathers of St. Agatha, Holland, are established in Minnesota, where for several years they have laboured zealously, and successfully in the field of missionary endeavor and in the regular care of souls as priests; they also have opened a college for young men at their present headquarters at Namia, Minnesota.



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The sisters of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy, came to America in 1894 from their Mother-house at Tilburg, Holland. They began their first mission at Baltic, Connecticut, in the Diocese of Hartford, which is at their present headquarters. They also opened two schools and a City Hospital at Taftsville, Connecticut. Since these sisters have taken charge of missions in the Dutch East Indies, they have declined to open any more houses in the United States.

There are in the United States about seventy-five Catholic Dutch congregations, and a few smaller missions. Moreover they are well represented in several other parishes, especially in Michigan, South Dakota and Montana. The Dutch priests, secular and regular, working in the United States, the Dutch number two distinguished bishops now living, namely, Right Reverend Cornelius Van de Ven, D. D., Bishop of Alexandria, La., and the Right Reverend Arthur Jerome Drossaerts, D. D., Bishop of San Antonio, Texas.

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Among the foremost representatives of the Dutch nation that have passed to their eternal reward should certainly be numbered the Most Reverend Francis Janssen, former Archbishop of New Orleans. The Reverend Arnold Damen, S. J., one-time professor in St. Louis University, founder and pastor of Holy Family Parish, Chicago, great orator and missionary; and the Reverend Th. Van Den Brock, O. P., pioneer missionary and pastor of the Hollanders in the Fox River Valley, Wisconsin.

The Dutch have at all times proved themselves very desirable citizens of our Republic, owing to their thrift, economy, cleanliness and other domestic qualities, which adopted them so beneficially to the life in the rural communities, where they have been very successful and have attained a remarkable degree of prosperity.

Jno. A. Van Heertum, O. P.

(Taken from the album for Queen Wilhelmina.)

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Onze Toekomst, Feb. 14, 1923.

VAN LOON BELIEVES IN EVOLUTION

In the issue of January 31 of Onze Toekomst, my attention was called to the fact that The Story of Mankind, written by the Hollander, Hendrik Van Loon, can now be read also by the blind through its re-writing in Braille. It is important news, because such a work is not only large and expensive, but the issue of this book for the blind will be of great influence. Because of this latter fact, I wish that you had mentioned that this work for the blind can do them little or no good, but harm without end. For Hendrik Van Loon in his Story of Mankind is a blind leader. He is entirely a materialist and an evolutionist. He seeks the beginning of man, not in a deed of the creation of God, but--we know that theory--in slimy mud, out of which millions of years ago an animal appeared which became the father of all mankind. From this foolish theory, from which God is simply left out, no light can be expected that will make them see the light.

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Onze Toekomst, February 15, 1922.

### BRYAN AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The well known William Jennings Bryan, is busy nowadays awaking the Christian part of our people to the religious character of the teachings of the public schools. Bryan declares that the teaching of the Bible had to make way for the teaching of evolution.

We do not plead for the restoration of the Bible, but for strict neutrality as far as religion goes. His speech on this subject recently, has cut deeply, so deep in fact, that in the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, a bill was prepared, which would make the teaching of the evolution theory a law violation punishable by a fine of from \$50 to \$500, or a sentence of from 10 days to one year in prison. Different leaders, men of schooling among them, presidents of universities, have disapproved of this bill. They call Bryan backward and ignorant.

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Onzetoekomst, February 1, 1922.

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PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT  
RECITATION CONTEST.

On Thursday, February 9, 1922 the Ruth Bible Class wishes to give a public entertainment in the building of the First Christian Reformed Church on 14th Street at 7:45 P. M. On this occasion there will be a contest of recitations between the young daughters of different societies.

Everybody is kindly invited in the name of the entertainment committee of the RUTH BIBLE CLASS.

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Onze Toekomst Dec. 16, 1921.

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CHURCH PLANS TO PURCHASE GERMAN PROPERTY

The first Christian Reformed Congregation, gathered Monday evening to discuss the purchase of the German Church, corner of Ashland Avenue and Hastings Street, and accepted, nearly unanimously, the proposition of the trustees of the German congregation to buy the property for \$75,000.00

This includes the pastor's house, the Church, a large yard, excellent benches, carpets and an \$8,000.00 organ. Also the art glass in the windows. The German congregation reserves the right to use the edifice one and one half year after the sale.



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Onzetoekomst, July 2, 1920.

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BASEBALL NEWS IN "ONZETOEKOMST"

The boys of Christian Reformed and of the Reformed Churches of Chicago and vicinity have formed a baseball league and are playing each other for an honor cup. The team of the Douglas Park Christian Reformed Church defeated Roseland of Altgeld Park last Saturday by a score of 5 to 2. This was Douglas Park's third successive victory. On Saturday, July 10, Douglas Park will play Roseland at Roseland.

Autos with spectators will leave 12th Street and Crawford Avenue at two in the afternoon.

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Onze Toekomst, June 4, 1920.

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CHURCHES TAKE GOSPEL TO THE PEOPLE

The Helping Hand Gospel Mission, 850 W. Madison Street, supported by the Five Christian Reformed Churches of Chicago, has purchased a new automobile for a good cause. The auto has many seats and is nicely decorated. It shall be used mainly to hold outdoor meetings on the street corners.

The young people of the five Churches donated \$700.00 towards the purchase of this Gospel Wagon. In a City as ours where there is so much congestion, this is great asset to City mission work.



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Onze Toekomst, May 28, 1920.

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JEWISH MISSION STONED

That the Jewish mission of the Christian Reformed Church in Chicago is making progress, can be seen by the resistance shown last Monday. While the consistory was in session, the church and mission house was attacked by a number of Jewish boys. They hurled a number of empty bottles against the buildings. Some of the bottles went through the windows of the church.

The police were called and the meeting was resumed.



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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 21, 1913.

GENERAL NEWS

On Easter Sunday evening, the Choral Society of the First Reformed Congregational will sing a cantata entitled "Easter Angels," in the Church building on Hastings Street.

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IZAK DA COSTA ORATORICAL SOCIETY

Next Monday evening, March 17th, the Christian Recite-Society "Izak da Costa" will give a public performance in the church building of the Christian Reformed Congregation at 14th Street.

We mention this particularly, because the society has made good progress since its existence. On this occasion a program will be given which is well worth hearing. Three competitions (compositions?) have been announced.

At the meeting a collection will be taken in behalf of the supplementary-fund of the Ebenezer School.

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GENERAL NEWS

We are calling your attention to the next Wednesday meeting of the Girls' Missions Society of the First Reformed Congregation at Englewood in the Church building at 62nd and Peoria Streets. The program drawn up with much care, promises something good.

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GENERAL NEWS

A mission of the Christian Reformed Church has been in existence in Evergreen Park for many years. Divine services are held every Sunday. A Young Men's Association is an active factor at the mission.

The members of the board are: Messrs Meyer, Brouwer and Tipstra, and the Misses Holwerda and Huizenga. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 40th Avenue and 95th Street.

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GENERAL NEWS

Last Tuesday evening, March 4th, in the First Christian Reformed Congregation at 14th Street, the representatives of the vestries of all the Christian Reformed Congregations in Chicago and Englewood, held a meeting to discuss the formation of a home mission for Chicago and vicinity.

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GENERAL NEWS

The Reverend A. Klerk of the Second Reformed Congregation of Englewood, who has accepted a call to the "Abbe" Church at Clymer, New York, will leave with his family at the end of this month.

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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 7, 1913.

GENERAL NEWS

The Girl's Mission Society of the First Reformed Congregation of Englewood will hold a public meeting Wednesday evening, March 19, in the church building at 62nd and Peoria Streets. Everyone is welcome at the meeting. The members will serve refreshments to the public.

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### ADAM AND EVE FABRICATION

Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, assistant professor of the section of Astronomy at the University of Chicago, declared last week in a lecture that according to his opinion Adam and Eve have never existed and that biblical history has therefore simply to be looked upon as an anecdote and to be bracketed with the mythology of the heathens, as for instance that of Greece.

The doctor said that it was impossible for him to accept the biblical history regarding the first human couple as the truth because it is in conflict with the evolution dogma which is recognized by

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science. According to the evolution dogma, he said, it is impossible that the human race commenced only 3000 years ago.

What a little knowledge possesses the egotistical human being!

If it is true what the professor said about the human race only existing 3000 years according to the Bible, then he must have never read the Bible. This year, according to the Jewish race, is the year 5674, and according to the best historians, 5917. According to these records the human race has existed for nearly 6000 years, and not 3000, as the professor claims, according to biblical history.

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But those two or three thousand years do not change the matter. When will the time come that people will be convinced that the God of heavens, who provides for all the universe, has the power to create that same universe, in a twinkling of the eye, in a form and condition as if it had already existed millions of years?

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ON 14TH STREET



From the financial annual report of the First Christian Reformed Congregation on 14th street, it appears that the receipts during the year 1912 were as follows: for the purpose of the parish, \$1,937.60; for the poor, \$1,600.92; for the pastor's salary, \$1,392.50; for diverse affairs, such as missions, etc., \$1,112.58; likewise the societies of the congregation, \$1,000.37, a total of \$7,043.96.

The principal liabilities were: for the parish, \$1,616.60; the poor, \$1,496.58; and pastor's salary, \$1,392.50, so that all funds are closing with a surplus.

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Including the surplus of the year 1911, the credit balance of Jan. 1913 is as follows: parish fund, \$750.39; poor fund, \$632.19; and salary fund, \$392.63.

The various church revenues are, among others: Theological School, \$227.55; Ebenezer School, \$356.55; Indian Missions, \$162.45; and Jewish Mission, \$40.15.

The Young Men's Association mustered for the supplementary fund of the Christian School the amount of \$511.20, and the Girls' Society spent \$230 for the Missions and \$50 for the Christian School.

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### CHICAGO MISSION JOIN EFFORTS

Dear Editor:

Kindly take up in Onze Toekomst the following report of the last held meeting of the Chicago Missions Festivity Committee.

The meeting was very important. It was determined that the general Missions Festivity would be held again on Labor Day this year.

For the first time all Reformed Congregations in and about Chicago were represented through joining the Chicago's eldest congregations, Norwood Park and Irving Park, so that now fifteen congregations are working together. The following Board was elected.

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Theo. Koopmans, President; C. Ettema, Vice-President; J. C. Bovenkerk, Jr., Secretary; Theo. Landstra, Treasurer; J. Fischer, Deputy Board-member.

Our last Missions' Festivity, notwithstanding the rains nearly washing all our profit away, showed a credit balance of \$300.00 for the Missions.

The Committee decided to take an active part in the "World in Chicago" concerning the lodging for those of Reformed religion, who at that time want to visit Chicago..

New by-laws were carried. The Committee enters its second year with the outlook, that the united Reformed Congregations in and about Chicago will do this Missions work with a will.

Really, a Committee of thirty sticklers can do something for the Missions. The meetings will be held in Englewood I.

J. C. Bovenkerk, Jr., Secretary.

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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD

From the annual report of the First Reformed Congregation of Englewood, we take the following:

The congregation received from collections for the church, \$1,795.98; for the pastor's salary, \$1,227.67; for the missions, \$204.14; for benevolent purposes, - such as the fund for incapable pastors, church building, etc., - \$64.81; and for education, - such as the classical board of charity, seminary salary fund, Christian school, etc., - \$174.99; a total of \$3,467.59.

The principal liabilities are: Salary, \$1,100; services, \$111; sexton's work, \$260; repairs on buildings, \$681.08; the poor, \$406.28; heat and light, \$504.25.

The Board of Trustees report the following receipts: Received from sub-



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scriptions (for the new church), \$12,316.16; monthly receipts, \$1,086.91; mortgage, \$10,000; other loans, \$5,050; interest, \$57.55; - a total of \$28,510.82.

The Sunday School has received during the year the sum of \$685.43; the Y.P.S.C.E., \$276.21; the Dorcas society, \$319.21; the Women Mission society, \$68.36; Young Men's Association, \$53.08; Men's Association, \$15.75; Young Women's Mission society, \$68; and the choral society, \$102.17.

The Sunday School donated \$476.75 to the missions, and the Y.P.S.C.E. gave \$65.



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Onze Toekomst, Jan. 31, 1913.

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CHURCH SALE

We understand that the First Christian Reformed Congregation of 14th St. holds this week, on Wednesday evening, February 5, a meeting in order to determine what to do in connection with the sale of church properties, and the purchase or building of another place of worship.

There is a rumor that the congregation is planning to buy the properties of the German Zion's-Church, at the northeast corner of Ashland Avenue and Hastings Street. Concerning that, the Rev. C. A. Koenig, pastor of that congregation, writes in the January number of the Evangelische Gemeindeblatt, a German ecclesiastical monthly for Chicago and vicinity,

"People are wondering at present if it should not be better to sell our church properties, and go where 'Israel's hosts do not push us aside.' "

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Onze Toekomst, Jan. 24, 1913.

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GENERAL NEWS

At the combined meeting held last week, of the vestries of the Christian Reformed congregations of the West Side and Englewood, it was determined to put the decision for the appointment of a missionary for Chicago and vicinity before the respective congregations.

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Onze Toekomst, Jan. 24, 1913.

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GENERAL NEWS

The Rev. H. P. Schuurmans is the leader of a class of about twenty young men who are preparing themselves to participate in the festivities and exercises of "The World in Chicago," of which we made an announcement a couple weeks ago.

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Onze Toekomst, Jan. 17, 1913.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY

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As already announced by us, the postponed Christian Endeavor rally will be held this evening in the First Reformed Church of Englewood. People may rely upon it that all the Reformed churches in Chicago will participate.

A beautiful program of recitations and music will be offered. As principal speaker will appear Dr. J. A. Thurston of Norwood Park, on the subject "Advertising Ourselves."

Refreshments will be served to the guests.

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Onze Toekomst, Jan. 10, 1913.

DOUGLAS PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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According to the annual report of the Douglas Park Christian Reformed Church, its congregation brought in, during the year 1912, for different purposes, the sum of \$4274.15. In spite of the fact that through the organization of the 12th St. congregation the Douglas Park's community decreased by thirty families, the receipts were nearly the same as last year's.

The congregation has contributed for ordinary ecclesiastical expenses, the pastor's salary included, the sum of \$2211.86; for interest and payment of liabilities, \$1565.44; for the poor of the congregation, \$233.50; and for other purposes, \$516.70.

Onze Toekomst, Jan. 3, 1913.

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### GROWTH OF THE WEST SIDE REFORMED CONGREGATION

The West Side Reformed Congregation welcomes seven new members this week, two by confession and five by letter. This brings the total of members to seventy-three.

When through the initiative of some Hollanders residing in Cicero, the West Side Reformed Congregation was organized on December 28, 1911, thirty-three members joined the church. The membership was increased during the first year of its existence by forty people. Surely sufficient proof that there was indeed need for a new congregation in that neighborhood.

Onze Toekomst, Feb. 24, 1911.

### THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT ENGLEWOOD

The missionary conference held last week, in the church of the First Reformed congregation of Englewood, was a real success. The meetings, especially the evening sittings, were well attended, and we are convinced that in many people the conference has awakened a new enthusiasm for the mission.

The morning sessions were under the leadership of Mr. H. Stuit, and the evening sessions under the direction of Mr. Teninga. The speakers were Reverend M. Flipse, Reverend W. Van Kersen, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions for the Western District; Missionary R. L. Scudder of India, Reverend H. P. Schuurmans, Missionary A. Pieters of Japan, and Mr. W. T. Demarest, secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions.

Missionary Pieters emphasized the influence of the missions in the far East, and said on that occasion, that the annexation of Korea by Japan was for the good of the missionary work and benefits the Koreans in a spiritual way, because by annexation this land has been opened to Christianity.



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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 23, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

Thursday evening, December 22, 1910, a meeting was held in the church building at 107th Street and Michigan Avenue, in order to elect vestry members.

All the outgoing members were re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. Engelmann, in whose place Mr. M. J. Wagenaar was elected.

Onze Toekomst, Dec. 23, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

On Monday evening, December 19th, the regular yearly election of elders and deacons took place in the Northwestern Reformed Church on Superior Street.

The gentlemen J. Zeilstra and L. Verschuur were re-elected as elders. Mr. B. Fennema and Mr. J. Woltman were re-elected as deacons.

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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 23, 1910.

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CORRESPONDENCE WITH ROSELAND

The yearly meeting of the male members of the Third Christian Reformed Congregation took place Tuesday evening, December 20th.

The outgoing members of the vestry were all re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. Postma, in whose place Mr. A. Ooms was elected as deacon.

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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 2, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS.

At the election of the vestry of the First Christian Reform Congregation on 14th st., held on Thanksgiving Day, Mr. H. Toren was reelected as elder, while the Messrs. M. Halbertsma and H. Wigboldy were chosen to take the places of Mr. Van der Meulen and Mr. Dekker.

Mr. Van der Meulen resigned because of his duties as a member of the school committee, and Mr. Dekker withdrew on account of old age. The outgoing deacons were all reelected.

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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 2, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The First Reformed Congregation of Englewood will probably meet on Monday evening, December 12, in order to choose the site of the new church building.

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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 2, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The First Reformed Congregation on Hastings Street has decided to raise the salary of the minister by two hundred dollars thus making it \$1,400 per year.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 25, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

The Young-Men's Association, the Choral Society and the Young Women's Association of the Second Christian Reformed Congregation of Roseland are giving a public performance next Thursday evening, December 1st, in the church building at 106 Place and Perry Avenue.

Mr. E. L. Van Dellen of Englewood will speak at this occasion on: "The Pilgrim Fathers."

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 11, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

Mr. John W. Schuitema, formerly a resident of Englewood, Chicago, has been appointed director and president of the Choral Society of the First Christian Reformed Congregation.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 11, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

Our retired Reverend J. T. Fles is still preaching regularly nearly every Sunday. Last Sunday, he preached in the morning at the Second Reformed Christian Church, where there is a vacancy, and in the evening he held an address on the Reformation at the Church of the Fourth Congregation.

Onze Toekomst, Nov. 4, 1910.

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## INAUGURATION OF SUMMIT'S CHURCH BUILDING

Today (Thursday) the inauguration of the church building of the Reformed Congregation of Summit will take place. As people know this new church is a neat, artistic building, which is a credit to the architects as well as to the congregation.

The solemn inauguration services will take place in the afternoon at 2:30. The Rev. J. Steunenberg of Roseland will be the principal speaker with an address in the Dutch language.

In the evening at 7:30 a service in English will be held, at which the speakers are the Reverends J. Fan Peursen and C. S. Nettinga.

That the church will be filled to capacity on this occasion needs not to be mentioned for the prevailing interest is very great.

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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 28, 1910.

GENERAL NEWS

On Monday afternoon, October 31, a meeting will be held in the vestry of the First Reformed Church at Englewood for the purpose of forming an organization to combat political and social improprieties. All the Dutch ministers in Chicago are invited to attend the meeting, and private persons interested in such an organization among Dutch people are also welcome.

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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 28, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

Last Sunday was a solemn day for the Northwestern Reformed Congregation. The Reverend P. Braak, the mission teacher, who had worked among us for about three months, bade farewell to the congregation. He has gone to Lynden, Washington, where he was sent by the Board of the Home-Missions.

After a cordial address by the departing minister, the congregation, in appreciation of his work, sang while standing up the last verse of Psalm 134: "Dat 's Heeren Zegen op U dall !" ("May God's Blessing Descend Upon You!").

The Board of the Home Mission received three requests for the services of the Reverend Braak. One from the Northwestern Reformed Church, one from Lynden, Washington, and one from Indiana. The Board decided to send him to Lynden, where he himself had founded a congregation some time ago.

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This Congregation at present numbers about sixty families.

There is no need to say that the Northwestern Reformed Congregation was very sorry to see Reverend Braak leave.

N. Fisher,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 21, 1910.

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Women's Missionary Union of Wisconsin and Illinois, held its fourth yearly conference at the Trinity Reformed Church on Marshfield Avenue.

The meetings were held in the morning at ten, in the afternoon at two, and in the evening at seven thirty. Each meeting had a good attendance.

Mrs. C. Van Bezey welcomed the representatives. Some speakers used the Dutch language as for instance the missionaries A. Pieters, Mrs. J. W. Te Paske and J. Van Ess. There were six missionaries present at the meetings.

The Union's Board consists of the following ladies: Mrs. H. J. Hinkamp, Mrs. J. Steunenberg, Mrs. A. C. Nettinga, Mrs. J. De Young, Mrs. W Sabelis and Mrs. B. F. Brinkman.

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Onze Toekomst, Sep. 2, 1910.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROSELAND

On Thursday, September 1, a large Mission Conference was held at the First Reformed Church on 107th Street. The speakers for that day were the missionaries Oltmans, Pieters, Zwemer, Van Ess, and Dr. Thoms of Arabia, Dr. Hekhuis and Hofmans of Michigan, and others.

People were especially invited to attend the evening services.

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Onze Toekomst, June 24, 1910.

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GENERAL NEWS

Dr. K. Poppen, former minister of the Second Reformed Church of Englewood, stopped last week in Chicago on his way to Michigan from where he will return at the end of July to go with his wife to Washington, where he has accepted a nomination as home-missionary.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 22, 1910.

### THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

At the meeting of the Second Christian Reformed Church at Englewood, last Thursday, April 14th, Dr. Oltmans of Japan, and Mr. Gelmer Kuiper of Grand Rapids, were speakers. And, at the request of the Mission Society for Men of the First Christian Reformed Community, representatives of both Reformed Churches, and of the Christian Reformed Church at Englewood, held a meeting Monday night in the basement of the Church at 71st Street, to elect representatives for the Laymen's Missionary Association Conference, which will be held at the end of this month, and, if possible, for the General Congress of this organization, to be held in May.

The President of the above mentioned Mission Society for Men gave an explanation of the purpose of the Laymen's Missionary Association. It proved, that the vestry of the First Reformed Congregation had already selected Dr. Nettinga, to represent that congregation at both, the Conference, and the Congress.

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The people present decided to nominate further as representatives: Dr. J. Brinkman, G. J. Haan, and Mr. L. Holstein.

Shortage of space prevents us at this time to say more about the motion of the Laymen's Missionary Association, but we are hoping to find later an opportunity to do it.

We heard that nearly all congregations of the Christian church are participating in this matter.

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IN AMOY, CHINA, REVEREND JOHN A. OTTE, M. D. DIED SUDDENLY FROM THE PLAGUE

Last Friday, April 15, we received notice, that our beloved missionary, Dr. Otte was very sick. A second notice followed, in which it was stated that he had fallen a victim of the "Plague".

Dr. Otte was not an old man. He was only 49 years old, his work was blessed and he was the founder of two hospitals. Of those, he was the inspiring and managing power. The ten thousand patients are regretting his loss.

His widow and children are plunged into the greatest sorrow, all of our sympathy goes to them.

The Mission in Amoy, is grieved over the departure of the man, who was such a inspiration in their work and the Reformed Church mourns the loss of one of its most renowned missionaries.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 22, 1910,

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GENERAL NEWS

The new church building of the Second Reformed Congregation of Englewood, at 66th Street, will be solemnly inaugurated on Friday evening, April 29th. The new Church has over 400 seats, and is very modern.

The building is an ornament to the surroundings, and source of pride to the builders.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 1, 1910,

GENERAL NEWS

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The First Reformed Congregation of Roseland, collected during the year 1909, in behalf of the Mission, the sum of \$3,112.57.

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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 18, 1910.

ANNIVERSARY

The Young Women's Association of the First Christian Reformed Congregation at 14th Street will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary with a selected program. This association has progressed considerably under the leadership of Mr. Henry Boss.



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Onze Toekomst, Feb. 11, 1910.

MR. R. ROL DECEASED

Again one of our oldest settlers has passed away. Rlaas Rol is no more. Last Saturday morning, February 5, -- just two days after his 85th birthday--he died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. Van Reenen, 6438 May Street, with whom he resided after the death of his wife, who died last summer.

Rlaas Rol was born at Middelstum, province of Groningen, on Feb. 3, 1825. There he married his now deceased wife, with whom he celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary, a privilege which is not bestowed upon many people.

In the year 1867 the couple came to America and settled in Chicago, where they lived for about 37 years in the same house at 503 W. 16th Street. They leave one daughter, two children-in-law, and five grand-children.



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Mr. Rol was a thrifty man. He served the first Christian Reformed Church, of which he was one of the founders, as sidesman (sic), and later as elder. As an advocate of parochial tuition, he served the Parochial School as one of its directors. In the last years of his life, especially after the death of his wife, he was weak in body and mind and was longing for death so as to be with Christ.

The funeral took place Tuesday, with Dr. S.S. Van der Heide officiating. His body rests now near that of his wife at Forest Home cemetery.



Onze Toekomst, Oct. 22, 1909.

### THE DEATH OF FATHER A. F. VAN HULST

Last Tuesday, at the ripe old age of ninety-two, Adrian F. Van Hulst, who for a period of thirty years has been connected with the St. Ignatius College at Twelfth and May Streets, passed away. Although Pastor Van Hulst had not been strong recently, his death did not come as a result of sickness, but was due to an accident. He had arisen to light the gas in his room, but the effort had evidently taxed his strength to such an extent that he had to hold on to the gas cock which broke, and then he fell down unconscious. Another priest in an adjoining room detected the odor of gas, opened the door to Van Hulst's room and brought the unconscious old man outside. Although a physician was called immediately, and Father Van Hulst regained consciousness so that extreme unction could be administered to him, he died about an hour later.

Father Van Hulst was born in the Netherlands, September 17, 1817, and was supposedly the oldest Dutchman in Chicago. At the age of twenty he came to America, and at the age of thirty he was ordained to the priesthood at the

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University of St. Louis (sic). He worked for twenty years at the University of St. Louis, first as a professor, and later as director of the Home of the Good Shepherd, a charitable institution to which he dedicated his whole life, and which he continued to serve here in Chicago. He wore the garb of a priest for sixty-two years.

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Onze Toekomst, Sept. 17, 1909.

UNION DAY AT COLUMBIA PARK  
(Address by Reverend S. S. Vander Heide)

Honorable President, dear friends:

In order to grow, a society of young men or young women requires co-operation among its members; for a house divided against itself cannot exist. Thus the ideals and the purpose of a society must provide inspiration to all its members. Young men and women who share the same ideals organize a society in order to attain them. This aspiration is responsible for the existence of the reformed boys' and girls' societies. Such societies must necessarily devote themselves to the study of reformed principles. But what are the reformed principles? We can define them as "The thoughts of our God, as revealed in His word." God's word teaches us the meaning of life and how we must always walk in His holy presence. Reformed principles give us thus an appraisal of life and of the world. Reformed principles must gain more and more ground, and for that reason they should be studied and examined. Guided by those

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principles our youth will be able to brave the storms of life. We are happy, therefore, to have in our midst a union of reformed boys' societies. I am glad to say a few words about that union. "In union there is strength" says an old Dutch proverb. The reformed families of this community have grasped the importance of this saying and have put it into practice in their own lives. The different societies have banded together in one union of young people, in order to face the difficulties of life together. Such a union, to be profitable, should have frequent meetings. In these meetings the principles common to all should be discussed.

Young reformed men and women who love and confess the Lord live by the covenant of grace. But this covenant of grace also imposes obligations. He in whom Christ is living must produce fruits. Boys and girls, live up to your vocation, be true to the covenant of your God, even amidst the temptations of life!

Onzetoekomst, June 25, 1909.

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**AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING**

The Ladies Aid Society of the Second Christian Reformed Church of Englewood, held an extra- ordinary meeting last Tuesday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. K. Poppen, their former President, who now resides in Harrison, South Dakota.

Mrs. Poppen was in Chicago to meet her mother, Mrs. Westervelt of Hackensack, New Jersey, who arrived Wednesday in company of another daughter, Mrs. Clark. Both Mrs. Poppen and her mother have since left for South Dakota, where the latter will make her home with the Reverend and Mrs. Poppen at Harrison.

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### THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO

According to the report of the Particular Synod of the Reformed Church of Chicago, of which a copy was sent to us, the synod now consists of nine "klasses" (subordinate governing ladies), namely Dakota, Grand River, Holland, Illinois, Iowa, Pella, Pleasant, Prairie, and Wisconsin. There are a total of 212 Congregations with 189 pastors and 15,011 families. The total membership amounts to 60,473, of which 27,226 are members in full communion. The total congregations was increased during the year by 9, and the Holy Baptism was administered to 100 grown ups and 1,956 children. One thousand, four hundred, twenty four members were accepted through confession of faith, while 1287 were accepted by attest. The total catechism students was 16,039 and that of the Sunday-school 29,805.

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The Young Men's Society of the Fourth Christian Reformed Congregation held their last meeting of the season on last Thursday evening and on that occasion a public debate was held on the desirability of women suffrage. According to the jury, consisting of judges Oosterbaan, S. Langeland, and D. Vanderwerp, the debate was won by the negative.

Onze Toekomst, June 4, 1909.

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Onze Toekomst, May 28, 1909.

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### AN ENJOYABLE EVENING

Monday evening, May 24th will be long remembered by the members of North-western congregation. The Sunday-School administration had called the members and their friends together to witness the jug-breaking which was to take place that evening. We were also glad to see such a large audience gathered in the Church auditorium on that occasion. And because of the fact that the steering committee had provided a good program, fitted to the occasion in which young and old partook, the meeting was a complete success; and to us is a proof of the progress of our congregation. And although we are at present without a pastor, we had the pleasure of having in our midst Mr. Rotschafer of Holland, Michigan, who will shortly travel to the Missionary field of India, who gave us a few glimpses concerning the missionary work in that country.

The jugs yielded the sum of \$42.33. We pray that God may bless the Sunday-School of the North-West Church, so that it may accomplish more and more for the missions.

N. Fisher.

P. S. Will "The Hope" and the "Leader" please copy this article.

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Onze Torkomst, May 22, 1908.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROSELAND

Last Monday, in the 3rd Christian Reformed Congregation of the Roseland Section of Chicago, a Young Mens Association was organized. The elected members of the Committe were: Dr. W. Stuart, President; Miss M. Kleinhuizen, Secretary; and Miss Johanna Dekker, Treasurer.

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Onzetoekomst, Mar. 19, 1909.

A SIGN OF LIFE

The girls society of the First Christian Reformed Congregation, on 14th Street, decided on their last meeting to appropriate \$200.00 for the support of two Indian Children at Rehobot, their names being Clarisa Pearson and Edward Breen, whom they decided to care for permanently.

They also will donate \$10.00 to the Home Missions, \$10.00 To Median Missions, \$50.00 to the Christian School and to spend \$25.00 for the purchase of new books for the society. This society was fortunate this year to receive \$259.60 **from** their sponsors, while the advertisements in the program of the recently held entertainment brought in the sum of \$85.00.

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Onze toekomst, Feb. 26, 1909.

BIRTHDAY

*Mr. J. C. Pon: 100*

The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Reformed Congregation in Roseland held a memorable gathering last Monday evening in the Chapel at 107th and Michigan Avenue, in honor of the pastor of that congregation, the Reverend B. Hospers, who on that day celebrated his birthday.

The society gave him a useful gift, a typewriter and stand. An enjoyable evening was spent by those present at this memorable presentation.

Onzetoekomst, Jan. 29, 1909.

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### FAREWELL TO THE REVEREND BREEN

It was a ~~solm~~ moment when the Reverend E. Breen, beloved pastor of his Congregation, and respected by all who knew him, said farewell to his Congregation on Tuesday night. His sermon was taken from, Peter, 5:10 and 11. An overflowed crowd filled the church building, for a last farewell and a handshake.

The addresses by representatives of societies, as by the chairman of the meeting, Mr. H. Jacobson, were in earnest and well meant. Mr. Joe Boer represented the consistory, spoke also.

The pastor as a last farewell thanked the audience for their cooperation. Then the congregation under the leadership of the Band, sang the well known hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again, many wiped their tears away.

The Reverend E. Breen, who will serve the Coldbrook Congregation, at Grand Rapids, has been pastor of the First Christian Reformed Congregation, for 6 years.

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Besides all the work in his own congregation, he was very active in the Jewish Mission's work in Chicago, as in other territories. He was ordained as a minister in 1889, and for 18 months was a home missionary. He served at Firth, Nebraska, and Orange City, Iowa, until 1903, when he came to Chicago.

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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 16, 1908.

A so-called Christian Endeavor Society was organized Monday night in the Bethany Reformed Church. The following Board of Directors were chosen:

A Van Keimpema, President; Mrs. Steunenberg, Vice-President; Louis van Vlijmen, Secretary; Joseph de Young, Treasurer, and Marie Dekker, Organist.

Meeting will be held every Monday night.

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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 9, 1908.

MEETINGS IN THE INTEREST OF HOME MISSION WORK

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20 and 21, the various churches of the Reformed Church in and near Chicago will hold important public meetings in the interest of the Home Mission Society's work. Dr. J. B. Voorhees, general president of the Society, Mr. William T. Demarest, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Page, all of New York, and Dr. S. Van der Werf of Pella, Iowa, will speak.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, October 20, at 2 P. M., a meeting at South Holland, at which the community of Dalton is invited to be present; speakers, Mrs. Page and Dr. Van der Werf.

Tuesday, October 20, at 2 P. M., a meeting at Lansing; speakers, Dr. Voorhees and Mrs. Allen.

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Tuesday, October 20, at 7:45 P. M., a meeting in Bethany Church, Roseland; speakers, Mr. William T. Demarest, Dr. J. B. Voorhees, Mrs. Page, and Mrs. Allen.

Tuesday, October 20, at 7:45 P. M., in the church at Gano; speakers, Dr. Van der Werf and Mr. William T. Demarest.

Wednesday, October 21, at 10 A. M., in the Y.M.C.A. Building at 153 La Salle Street; this meeting is intended as a general reception, at which teachers, workers, and interested persons will have a chance to become better acquainted with one other.

Wednesday, October 21, at 2 P. M., in the Reformed Church of Irving Park; speakers, Mr. William T. Demarest and Mrs. Page.

Wednesday, October 21, at 2 P. M., in the Reformed Church at Summit; speakers, Dr. Van der Werf and Mrs. Allen.

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Wednesday, October 21, at 7:45 P. M., in the First Reformed Church on Hastings Street; speakers, Dr. Van der Werf, Mr. William T. Demarest, and Mrs. Page.

Wednesday, October 21, at 7:45 P. M., in the First Reformed Church of Englewood; speakers, Dr. Voorhees and Mrs. Allen

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Onze Toekomst, June 26, 1908.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROSELAND

The Reverend Father Broens, pastor of the Saint Willebrord's Church, died last Wednesday, in the Saint Bernard's Hospital at Englewood, after an illness of several months.

The deceased was 64 years old. Reverend Broens received his education in The Netherlands, and after a short stay in Wisconsin, he came to Roseland, where he worked for many years with great success.

Thursday morning, June 25, the **requiem** high mass was held, and the funeral will take place on Tuesday, June 30th.

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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 6, 1907.

WAS CHRIST A HUMAN BEING?

A simple question: Nevertheless one of our inhabitants put the question to the well known evangelist, Dr. Torrey. The inquirer admitted that the question was often discussed in his family whether the Saviour really was a live moving human being, or if he was a ghost whom people could not feel.

Naturally, Dr. Torrey answered that Christ was a human being, "with the same emotions as ours, but without sin". But the incident makes a person doubtful, whether we are really living under the influence of the gospel.

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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 18, 1907.

## CONFERENCE OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Conference of the Women's Missionary Society, which was held Tuesday, at the First Reformed Church at Hastings Street, can be called a great success. Although the weather was bad, in the hearts of the ~~hundreds~~ present the sun was shining. All were gathered together to listen to reports in the interests of the mission. Three meetings were held, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The speakers were well prepared. The great work of the mission, domestic as well as foreign, was discussed seriously.

The speakers were, among others, Dr. Steunenberg of Roseland, Mrs. John S. Bussing, Mrs. Allen, Miss O. H. Lawrence and Dr. Ida Scudder. The first spoke on "The Returning Influence of Mission Work." Mrs. Bussing, Mrs. Allen, and Miss Lawrence spoke on "The great need in America, as well as in Foreign Countries, for the teaching of the Gospel." Dr. Ida Scudder (a name very dear amongst Dutch circles), gave a touching message about mission work in the Dutch-East Indies.

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There were representatives of eleven cities, and everyone returned home satisfied, with the wish in their hearts, that this conference will be followed soon by another.

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DIVINE WORSHIP MEETINGS LEGAL

Mayor Busse refused to listen to the petition from some inhabitants in the neighborhood of Madison and Jefferson Streets, to forbid the religious meetings, which were held there during the last couple of days in the open.

"If you people can stand the electric pianos in the saloons," the Mayor said; "than I do not understand, why these religious meetings are bothering you". And that was the end.

We think the Mayor is right.

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Onze Toekomst, May 11, 1906.

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### AN HONOR-DINNER IN THE AUDITORIUM HOTEL

We were requested to announce that on May 14th, there will be offered to the Committee and delegates to the Presbyterian Synod to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, an honor dinner. The delegates will be in Chicago next week.

The dinner is important for us, because many Dutchmen will also take part. As we all know, much work is being done lately for the unification of the Reformed (Dutch Reformed) Church with the Presbyterians and some of the delegates labor especially for that purpose. And that is especially the reason why they wish to honor them with a dinner on their trip through Chicago.

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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 6, 1906.

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES CELEBRATE

On the occasion of the yearly celebration of the boys' and girls' societies of 111th Street, D. W. Jellema, president of the Boys' Society, was presented with a beautiful blanket on which was embroidered the names of about six hundred members of the First Christian Reformed Congregation.

The blanket was made by the members of the Girls' Society.

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### A CIVIL WAR VETERAN WILL RETURN FROM HOLLAND

Mr. John C. Goemans, who formerly lived on the West Side, but who has spent the last two years in Rotterdam in the Netherlands, has made plans to return to Chicago. He no longer feels at home in Holland.

Mr. Goemans first came to Chicago in 1853. He is a veteran of the Civil War, and is 76 years old.

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### YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETIES HOLD CONVENTION

The American Federation of Reformed Young Mens Societies, will hold its convention this year in Chicago, in the First Christian Reformed Church, corner Hastings Street and Ashland Avenue. This convention will be held on December 3-4. Various able speakers will address our young men.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, the rally will be held in the auditorium of the Church, at which meeting, Dr. W. U. Jellerna will be the main speaker. This meeting is open to the public and all are requested to come. All the boys of all the Reformed Churches of Chicago are invited to attend the regular sessions, as well as the rally program.

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THE GIRL'S SOCIETY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

This organization celebrated last Thursday evening, its annual feast in the church on 14th Street, a feast that will long be remembered. Everything went unusually well. The church was filled by those who were interested, and no wonder! This organization does something and does that something well. It numbers twenty-nine members and at least two hundred beneficiary members. Any-one can be a beneficiary member, who pays at least \$1. per year. That this organization of young girls can and will work and is true to the motto, "He who gives to the poor, loans to the Lord," has been proved during the past year by the setting aside of \$25. for the foreign mission. And this year it has set aside \$200. for the same purpose. The donations pay for the support of two Indian children in the mission station, Rehoboth, N. M. That is indeed an example worthy of following. The administration of that Society consists of the Rev. E. Breen, Honorary President; H. Bos, President, Miss Annie Mensinger, Vice - President, Miss Nellie Huiner, Secretary, Miss Dina Balk, Treasurer, and Miss Hatty Balk, Librarian.

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Onze Toekomst, Dec. 9, 1910.

MR. JACOB BOS DIES

On Monday night, December 12, Jakob Bos died at the home of his daughter and his son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. Roelfsema, of 1811 Laflin Street. The old gentleman had buried his wife less than a year ago, after being married nearly fifty-eight years. Mr. Bos had been indisposed for the last two months, but only for the last eight days before he died was illness considered serious. Four children, Mr. Henry Bos, Mrs. Mary Tibma, Mrs. Minnie Roelfsema, and Mr. Herman Bos, survive him, and thirteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday morning, December 14, in the First Christian Reformed Church on 14th Street. The interment was at Forest Home Cemetery. The Reverend S. S. Van der Heide conducted the services.

Mr. Bos was born on January 10, 1841, at Meeden in the province of Groningen, the Netherlands. In 1872 he came with his wife and three children to America and settled in Chicago. It was just after the big fire, when hands enough

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could not be found to rebuild the city. Of the three children whom they had brought from the old country one preceded Mr. Bos into eternity, and here in America their marriage had been blessed with two more children.

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## DUTCH BORN IN THE UNITED STATES

According to the last tally of the Census Bureau at Washington, there are 131,262 Hollanders living in the United States. This does not include the children born of Holland parents, only those that immigrated here from the Netherlands. This list will show where they live.

Alabama.....83	Kentucky.....150	New York City...4754
Arizona.....69	Louisiana.....260	North Carolina...115
Arkansas.....116	Maine.....50	New York.....13776
California....4592	Maryland.....314	North Dakota....903
Colorado.....853	Massachusetts..2063	Ohio.....2529
Connecticut....444	Michigan.....33033	Oklahoma.....176
Columbia.....127	Minnesota.....5378	Oregon.....917
Delaware.....37	Mississippi.....31	Pennsylvania....1338
Florida.....357	Missouri.....905	Rhode Island....138
Georgia.....78	Montana.....1675	Virginia...335
Idaho.....439	Nebraska.....846	South Carolina....30
Illinois....13426	Nevada.....36	South Dakota....3217
Indiana.....2018	New Hampshire....177	Tennessee.....58
Iowa.....11471	New Jersey....12736	Texas.....554
Kansas.....675	New Mexico.....70	Utah.....1980
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West Virginia....66  
Wisconsin.... 7472  
Wyoming.....130

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IGNORANT COMMENT ABOUT THE WORK OF THE NETHERLANDS  
IMMIGRATION LEAGUE

How little knowledge some writers have, who set themselves up as authorities on subjects in which they themselves are in the dark, is shown again in the recently published work of Miss Frances Kellor: " Immigration and the Future," in which the author of Experimental Sociology, Out of Work, Straight America, etc. makes the following ridiculous remarks: " So naive is much of the effort of foreign countries to keep in touch with their nationals, that it is not surprising to find the Dutch Government, through the Netherlands Immigration League, proposing in all good faith to establish bureaus, not only to protect our immigrants after their arrival but to see that they reach their destination without molestation, and that they maintain the good reputation of those already here; but it is also planning to relieve the American somewhat of his Americanization work, by urging its immigrants to stay in America, to learn English and to become citizens; and for this purpose it will make their repatriation more difficult. If America in

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in the future is to receive immigrants at no expense to itself, and is to have them protected and Americanized at European expense, it must be that immigrants in America are considered to be a good investment. Unquestionably the requirement of certain standards of protection, with reference to working and living conditions in immigrant countries is to be an important consideration in determining what countries will be favored with immigration. Certain countries are already carrying heavy burdens, not only on account of the physical condition of their returning immigrants, but also because of financial burdens, due to their failure to succeed in new countries, a situation often due to prevailing conditions of employment. The Dutch Government has under consideration a plan for calling a conference of European States to consider this very question. This conference, when held, will doubtless raise the whole question of the desirability of having a system of protection which will take care of the immigrant from the time he leaves his home until he arrives at his final destination in the immigrant country.

It will doubtless take into consideration, also, what will constitute standards of protection in immigrant countries and the best means for starting and maintaining them alike in all countries.

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## DUTCH IMMIGRANTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA

The Netherlands immigrants contributions to America. For a practical showing we start with the mention of the contributions, which the Netherland element, planted here by immigration, has made to America. The contributions, which The Netherlands, the low land by the North Sea, has made not alone to America but to the entire civilized world are very important and not very easy to understand. The Netherlands of course is one of the first culture lands of the world and has in its glorious history benefitted the entire human race with spiritual, educational, political and artistic ideals. So much so, that not any territory no matter in what part of the world, has stayed strange to the Netherlands' influence. The Netherlands' civilization has made itself felt over the entire world. But the influences of this hotbed of western civilization by the North Sea, the candle of freedom lit by the undaunted culture people of The Netherlands, are naturally not to be made one with the contributions which the sons of these people in foreign lands and especially those made in America.

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The largest contribution to America by the Dutch emigrants, is the true religion planted here, especially The Christian Reformed Church. This spiritual contribution that our Christian people brought here and kept up, is of inestimable value to the spiritual life of America... In the creative contributions of the Dutch emigrants we call attention to the pioneer work in the establishment of Pella and Orange City, Iowa. Holland and Zeeland in Michigan. Roseland and Englewood in Illinois and other later scattered settlements in Iowa, Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and other midwestern states.

The oyster fishery on the coast of Long Island at Layville was brought over by Zeewish fishers and the American bluepoint was developed by Dutchmen. The diamond cutting and the jewelers trade were in a large measure developed by Amsterdam immigrants. The cigar and tobacco industry in the east in a large measure was developed by Netherlands emigrants. The seed and flowerbulb raising of greatest American dealers and growers are developed by Holland emigrants. In Kalamazoo the celery

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GENERAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. Top of 6023 Carpenter Street are returning next week to the Netherlands. Mr. Top, who has lived here for eight years, came back with a bride when he went to Holland last year. Because his wife does not like it here they are homeward bound for Holland.

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Onze Toekomst, June 3, 1910.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROSELAND

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A party of about 20 Dutchmen (mostly from Roseland and a few from Englewood), which departed a couple of weeks ago for Canada, to make an enquiry about the condition of the soil there, returned last week.

As we understand it, their report is not as favorable as the one of the Hollander, who visited Canada about four weeks ago.

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## OF IMPORTANCE TO DUTCH IMMIGRANTS

One of the regulations of the immigration service specifies that the immigrant must have in his possession, upon entering the country, a sufficient sum of money to make it reasonably sure that he will not soon become a public charge. This regulation is being strictly enforced and the new Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, Mr. Williams, has stated that twenty-five dollars is the lowest sum qualifying a single immigrant for admission. Considerably more is required in the case of an entire family. Many Dutch in America are expecting relatives or others from the Netherlands. They will perform an act of kindness to their friends if they inform them beforehand that this rule is now enforced at Ellis Island. The immigrants may be able to pass every physical and mental test, and yet if he cannot produce twenty-five dollars, which is the minimum requirement, he is scheduled for deportation on the next out-going ship. Those who desire more specific information may secure it from Rev. Sydney Zandstra, missionary of the Reformed Church in America at Ellis Island. His address is Lodi, New Jersey, and he is at the service of all Dutch immigrants and their friends. Signed: J. Brownlee Voorhees, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

Onze Toekomst, Sep. 6, 1907.

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SUFFRAGE AND CITIZENSHIP

John R. Dos Passos of New York, thinks that suffrage ~~has to be separated~~ from citizenship. Strangers must be naturalized without giving them the right to vote, or other words, he only likes to give suffrage to strangers, who by the time of their arrival in America, have full command of the English language.

In this manner only people who are born in America, and immigrants from ~~Great-Britain~~ and its colonies would be able to get the right to vote. All the others, also people like Mr. Nelson Morris, now deceased, and other prominent manufacturers, could become citizens, pay taxes, and assist the welfare of this country, but they could not secure the voting franchise.

If this would pass, the seat of government should properly be in London, with a branch-office at Newport.

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Chicago American, Jan. 31, 1938.

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### NETHERLANDS HAIL JULIANA'S DAUGHTER

Princess Juliana of the Netherlands today gave her little land of tulips, thrift, and windmills a girl princess who may be its third consecutive woman ruler.

The whole nation joined in rejoicing before the last echoes of the royal salute announced that the long wait at the little white Soestdyk Palace was ended with the birth of a girl.

The Hague issued a proclamation printed in orange and blue, the royal colors. It said: "Fellow citizens, it is with great joy we proclaim, that to-day, January 31, 1938, through the grace of God, is born the Princess of Oranje-Nassau, Princess of Lippe Biesterfeld. The heart's desire of all the people of the Netherlands has come to a realization. "Long live the royal family".

Both mother and baby were reported doing well.

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Chicago American, Jan, 31, 1938.

Among the first messages of congratulations for the Princess Juliana and her husband Prince Bernhard, was that from King George and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain.

A salute of fifty-one guns instead of the one hundred and one scheduled in the event of a boy, was fired at Amsterdam, the Hague, Arnhem, Breda and Amersfoort garrisons.

The Netherland populace had hoped for a male heir. Unless Juliana has a son, the new princess may one day become Queen, succeeding her grandmother Queen Wilhelmina and her mother.

Before midnight Dr. C. L. De Jongh, court physician, was joined by Dr. Jan de Groot, gynecologist, at the palace. Throughout the night great crowds thronged the gateways of the Soestdyk country home, where lights blazed intermittently in various rooms. Gunners and broadcasters stood by to make the announcement.

Chicago American, Jan. 31, 1938.

When the news was flashed from the palace at 3:40 A.M. Chicago time, the populace started a joyous celebration. Church bells pealed, newspapers rushed extras to the streets.

By royal decree of 1908, Juliana's baby is entitled from birth to be princess of the Netherlands, princess of Oranje-Nassau and duchess of Mecklenburg. From her father she inherits the family title of Princess of Lippe-Biesterfeld.

Especially happy were the souvenir spoon and mug manufacturers who had engraved their wares "January, 1938", and who were concerned as February approached.

It was officially announced at noon that the condition of Juliana's daughter was good.

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Onze Toekomst, Nov. 23, 1927.



KNICKERBOCKER SOCIETY IS PRESENTED WITH NETHERLAND FLAG

Albert Oosterheert recently received the following letter from the Netherlands Ambassador to the United States at Washington, D. C., addressed to 1141 Edison Building, Chicago. "On command of His Excellency, the Minister of Foreign affairs at the Hague, I have the honor to present to you, herewith, a Netherland flag, which is put at your disposal by the Board of the Netherland American Chamber of Commerce at Amsterdam, out of appreciation for the way in which you have taken to heart the Netherland's interest". Indeed a well earned distinction. Mr. Oosterheert, for many years, has had the Netherlands' interest in America at heart, especially with reference to a seat of learning at Chicago University. He wrote a treatise on the Netherlanders in America and other articles, in both languages, about Netherland, for American newspapers and periodicals.

Mr. Oosterheert presented the flag to the "Knickerbocker Society" of Chicago.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 8, 1925.

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A VISITOR FROM HOLLAND

A pleasant acquaintance has been made with Miss M. E. Schakel, non-resident directress of the clubhouse, Queen Wilhelmina, at Amsterdam, Holland. This organization has for its purpose the seeking of fallen girls, to educate them and find them good positions. It has branches all over the world. There is one in Chicago. Miss Schakel is here on a two year permit. She makes speeches here and there and is also busy with her work. She told us, that when she arrived at New York, last September, there were 9,000 other Hollanders who were ready to sail to New York, but who could not be admitted because of the immigration law. On account of her position Miss Schakel was admitted as a privileged character.

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Onze Toekomst, June 13, 1923.

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### EXPECTATION OF THE RETURN OF AMERICAN TRADE.

A reporter of the Chicago Daily News writes from Amsterdam, that the decision of the Department of Commerce at Washington to send a representative to the Dutch East Indies, fills the Dutch with hope of a return of American commerce. For a year past, the United States was not officially represented in the Dutch East Indies, commercially. There was fear, according to the correspondent, that on account of the strong influence of Germany in the Indian trade world, that the United States would turn cold shoulder to the Dutch East Indies. An official in the administration of the colonies told the correspondent that information concerning conditions in the East Indies was many times exaggerated and that the truth is not as told, but the opposite, that the Netherlands government is awake to the danger of German domination of the East Indian trade.

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Onze Toekomst, June 13, 1923.

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This official also mentioned that confidence in the credit of the Dutch East Indies is growing stronger abroad. As proof of this fact, in the United States, there was subscribed \$25,000,000 recently for Dutch East Indies obligations; in connection with this news, it was mentioned that organizations as the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce and the Netherland America Foundation, both situated in New York, are making all efforts to work together to make the Netherlands and its colonies better known in the United States.



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Onze Toekomst, Feb. 8, 1922.

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MASTERPIECE FROM HOLLAND

Our Art Institute, Michigan Avenue & Adams Street, has again increased it's wealth by the addition of another attractive masterpiece. It is of the Dutch master, Jacob Maris, and is titled, "Grandmother," picturing a friendly woman with a child on her lap. Before her stands a small girl, looking at the little one with great interest. The girl who posed for this group, is now the present mayor of Rotterdam. The most able art experts here are speaking very highly of this picture. The color, the light and the grouping is excellent. Every Holland lover of art will find it worth while to pay a visit to our Art Institute to study this masterpiece.

Jacob Maris was the eldest of three brothers, all made themselves famous in the territory of art. He died in 1899 at the Hague. The masterpieces of these brothers are now very scarce and are hard to find. They were nearly all bought by English and American art collectors.

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Onze Toekomst, July 30, 1920.

## JAPAN, AMERICA, AND THE NETHERLANDS

Aneta tells us: In connection with the reception, which our navy received in Japan, the Aneta office of the Hague, asked the Japanese Ambassador to Holland, concerning his opinion regarding the relations between Japan and the Nether-land Colonies. We asked Mr. Kantaro Aschiai, if the banquets which took place, would have to be regarded as meaningless international formalities, or that there was really talk of friendship. His answer was thus: The Japanese, and first among them the merchants, still know that the Hollanders for a long time were the only Westerners, who had regular relations with Japan, and that the Japanese, thru the Netherlands, came first in contact with Western civilization, who among other things taught them medical knowledge and about world commerce. No wonder that the Holland fleet is looked up to in Japan and that they indicated their feelings by giving them an especially hearty welcome. Added to this is the fact that in the last years the already lively trade with our colonies was made broader, and the Japanese wish that these economic relations would become still closer. In the signing of peace, the ambassador does not expect a reversal of these



relations, but the reverse. When we hinted as to the distrust, that many in our colonies and in the Netherlands have, about the purposes of the evermore powerful Japan, Mr. Kantoaro Aschiai said that there is no reason for distrust. Japan wishes without any ulterior motives to keep good relations with Holland and its colonies. The just appointed Ambassador, Mr. Philips, also granted an interview to a representative of the Aneta office about the commercial relations of his America and our overseas colonies.

The Ambassador gave as his views, that an entirely new era starts for American-Dutch Indies relations on economic grounds, now that the war is ended and the United States has emerged from it stronger, commercially. Before the war America's commercial fleet was insignificant, so that very little was exported and they busied themselves mainly with raw materials such as flour and other foodstuffs. During the war many ships were built for transports and the carrying of arms and ammunitions, but which now will be used for the export trade, as well as the ships still building. There is now in America a new spirit, not of isolation, but one that calls for expansion in world commerce, instead of staying within their own borders. The colossal strength of American industry has grown up with that spirit. America can supply the world markets with many products of industry and in return receive in trade

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such articles as she herself does not possess and which other parts of the world can supply. We do not have to worry about the high tariff so said Mr. Philips as he viewed them, as of a fiscal nature. Now as far as the relations with our colonies goes, the Ambassador expects a quick development, for not only are the colonies easily reached from America, but the American people also get along well with the Hollanders. He predicts then a lively attendance at the coming feasts of the Pilgrim Fathers. The Ambassador hopes that many Americans will visit our country on this occasion.

When we spoke of the opinion in America about us in connection with the antipathy, which existed in many countries who participated in the war, his excellency answered that our country suffered no more of that, than the rest of the neutrals, but that in America the feeling was not as high as in the other mentioned lands. However, there is now nothing left of this animosity, if it ever existed. The American industrialist and trader is anxious, as soon as possible, to do business with the Netherlands. Some technical obstacles, which are still in the way of the regular trade must be credited to circumstance, that the United States officially is still at war with Germany.



Every part of the American people is striving for normal conditions to better their positions as far as trade is concerned, then before the war. In this connection, Mr. Philips said it was a lucky thought to send a committee to America. Whether or not they succeeded he was unable to say, but was sure that many American Business men were glad to learn more of the Netherlands trade and industry conditions. We are of the opinion that the people of America interest themselves more with Holland, than do the Hollanders with America. His excellency spoke with sympathy of the Holland Ambassador, Mr. Cremer, whom he gives credit for furthering peaceful relations during his stay at Washington. Also about the Netherlands, Mr. Philips had a good word to say. In the short time of his stay in Holland, the population had already given him the impression, which he had expected, an impression of prosperity and influence, and of good will to less prosperous countries, and hospitality toward strangers. With pleasure he starts his new task.

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### AMERICA AND THE NETHERLANDS

The London correspondent of the "Tel" had an interview with our ambassador, Mr. Cremeron on his stop over at the Netherlands. As is known he left his post at Washington for his health... "What is America's attitude towards the Netherlands?" asked the correspondent, "During the war, it was not very benevolent." "Very friendly." was the answer, "The Americans are business people and are anxious as soon as possible to revive former commercial relations."

The fact that the United States has sent Mr. Philips as Ambassador to Netherland is proof of the great interest the Americans have in Holland. He was assistant Secretary of State and is a wise and strong personality.

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Onze Toekomst, Sept. 26, 1919.

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THE HOLLAND BIBLE COMMENTARY FOR SALE

The Holland Bible Commentary of Matthew Henry has arrived from Holland. We can deliver this Bible commentary to the first ten, who order it at \$24.75. Handsomely bound in 8 volumes. The freight must be paid by you.

Book dealer, Onze Toekomst, 1315 So. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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W.F. (L.L.) BREWER, M.D.

GENERAL NEWS

Mr. J. Bennema of Roseland, formerly residing at Wichert, Illinois, and his brother-in-law A. Spoolstra are making a trip to Holland.

They sailed Tuesday, November 15th, on the steamer "Noordam" of the Holland-American Line, after having spent first a couple of days with family and friends at Paterson, New Jersey.

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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 14, 1910.

DR. AND MRS. U. RIEDEL INTEND TO COME TO AMERICA

We are informed that Dr. U Riedel, retired military surgeon of Apeldoorn, Netherlands, and his wife, intend to visit their children in Chicago. This will be the second time that Dr. and Mrs. Riedel are visiting America.

They hope to visit not only their children, but also Mrs. Riedel's mother, Mrs. H. Van Hoogen of Paterson, New Jersey. As people know, Mrs. Van Hoogen is the widow of the Reverend H. Van Hoogen, formerly a minister in Roseland.



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MR. VAN RYN VAN ALKEMADE, VICE CONSUL

We announce with pleasure that Queen Wilhelmina has appointed Mr. C. Van Ryn van Alkemade as Vice Consul of the Netherlands.

The Dutch population of Chicago is increasing steadily, and it is therefore just that we should have a Vice Consul, besides the Consul General Birkhoff.

Mr. Van Ryn van Alkemade's address is 69 Dearborn Street, where the Vice-Consulate is established.

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Onze Toekomst, June 3, 1910.

REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

The Dutch East Indies section of the General Netherlands League requests photographs of places into which Dutch life has been transplanted, or where one finds particular manifestations of the industry, the science, or the art of the Netherlands.

In order to fulfill the purpose of these photographs, it is recommended that the senders, as far as it is in their power, explain the pictures by written comments. Wherever possible, illuminate the photograph with interesting details and brief statistics,--in short, with everything necessary to enhance the appreciation of the picture exhibited.

The Dutch East Indies section of the League will make lantern slides of these photographs and will deliver propaganda lectures illustrated by the slides in order that people in the Dutch East Indies may become acquainted with Dutch life

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in foreign countries,--in this case, in America.

The Chicago section of the General Netherlands League is backing up this affair and will gladly take care of all photographs received; it will send them later on to the Dutch East Indies.

Send your photographs to the office of Onze Toekomst or to Mr. H. Jacobsma, 1449 West Fourteenth Place.

For the Chicago section of the General Netherlands League,

The Board of Directors

Onze Toekomst, May 6, 1910.

### ROOSEVELT IN HOLLAND

Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt spent last Sunday in Holland, the home of his ancestors. We have not enough space to describe the visit in detail, but we cannot omit some information regarding that occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt left Brussels Saturday morning, April 30, at 8 A.M., accompanied by their daughter Ethel and their son Kermit, who made the trip through East Africa with their parents. They took an extra train to Arnhem, and were enthusiastically welcomed by the people at every stop.

From Arnhem they went by auto to "Het Loo" where the party was welcomed by Prince Hendrick, and later was invited to dinner by the Queen. This was the occasion of Princess Juliana's birthday, and Mr. Roosevelt had already sent her a congratulatory message.

We cannot fail to observe how ridiculous the American papers sometimes are in reporting such news. Walter Wellman, in a special report to the Record Herald,

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calls the palace of the Queen "het Helloo Palace". Mr. Roosevelt spoke in the Dutch Reformed Church, and of this Mr. Wellman writes that Reverend Bosserain welcomed the party, and that Mr. Roosevelt said he was very sorry he could not speak Dutch, but notwithstanding recited a little Dutch poem, the first line of which goes: "Tripput, trapput, trunket". What this means we do not know.

We could recall other absurd statements. For instance, Wellman calls Baron van Swinderen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, "Minister Schwinderen". But it is better that we simply say that the citizens of Holland have satisfactorily demonstrated that they sincerely appreciated the visit of Mr. Roosevelt and his party.

Besides "Het Loo" and Amsterdam, Mr. Roosevelt visited The Hague, Delft, Haarlem, and other places. At Haarlem he visited the flower exhibit, in Amsterdam the National Museum, at Delft the grave of William of Orange, and on the way to Scheveningen the "Huis ten Bosch" (House in the Forest), where the first Peace Congress was held.

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Monday night, at 9 P.M., the party left Amsterdam for Copenhagen.

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Onze Toekomst, Mar. 4, 1910.

### AN OLD NOBLE FAMILY

Many of our readers will learn with pleasure that Dr. L. J. Heldring, of 1509 North Clark Street, son of Mr. John Heldring, well and favorably known to our countrymen, has fallen heir to one of the oldest noble titles in the Netherlands, namely, that of Baron Fabricius van Henkelam.

Dr. Heldring inherits this title from his mother, Baroness Johanna Wilhelmina Fabricius van Henkelam, only daughter of Albert C. L. Baron Fabricius and Baroness Wichren van Heemstad, who has assigned to her son all her titles of nobility in order that her name and those of her celebrated ancestors may not sink with her into the grave.

The family of Fabricius is really one of the oldest and most celebrated in the Netherlands. The line springs from Arent Meindertzoon Fabricius of Haarlem, one of the oldest among the defenders of Ostend in the Spanish siege from 1601 to 1604. After the fall of Ostend Fabricius was honored by the states of

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Holland and Belgium with a silver chalice in token of their gratitude for his faithful services.

Fabricius was born in 1547. In 1583 he was sheriff of Haarlem and filled the judgeship in 1588. After 1595 he became mayor of Haarlem, and from 1604 to 1607, and again from 1618 to 1622, he was a member of the States General of Holland and West Friesland.

The above-mentioned silver chalice is still in the so-called Fabricius Chamber of the City Hall of Haarlem, where paintings, documents, weapons, and other curiosities of the Fabricius family are also on exhibition. These things were presented to the city of Haarlem by Baron J. C. W. Fabricius in 1883. The cover of the chalice is inlaid with a view of the besieged fortress, showing the position of the batteries, and the camp of the Spaniards.

As is known, the line of the Heldrings is also one of the oldest Dutch families. We know that Dr. Heldring's father is a son of the famous founder of Heldring's

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Institutes, Dr. O. G. Heldring of Zetten. And this Dr. Heldring was the great-grandson of a certain Captain Heldring who as commandant of the royal guards accompanied Prince William the Third on his voyage to England when William became king of England.

Heldring's Institutes are still the refuge of hundreds of deserted, neglected, or fallen children and women, although their founder died in 1876 and had to leave his field of activity to others.

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A PRESENT FROM THE DUTCH IN AMERICA TO THE  
QUEEN ON THE OCCASION OF THE HAPPY EVENT



To the Editor:

Among the members of the colony in New York as well as here in Chicago the idea is being promoted of presenting our worthy and beloved Queen, on the occasion of the happy event which her Majesty is expecting and which is of the utmost importance for our entire country, with an appropriate gift. This idea has my cordial support, and I am of the opinion that to obtain the co-operation of all the Dutch in America I should turn directly to the Dutch press. I have no doubt that you will call the attention of your readers to this plan and will give an opportunity to those who wish to contribute to this cause to do so. A short time after the happy event takes place the sum which has been subscribed could be collected and through your journal as medium be turned over to me; I would send it to the treasurer of a committee to be formed, which according to the wish of various Dutch committees would

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consist of only a few ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Louden, wife of our ambassador at Washington. Inasmuch as her Majesty has proclaimed her wish that the gift of the Dutch people shall be used for a charitable cause, negotiations are being carried on to fulfill her Majesty's desire. Then the proceeds of our collection will be turned over to the main committee in the Netherlands, after the deduction of the sum necessary to print a beautiful album, to contain the names of all the donors and their biographies and to be illustrated with pictures of the "New Netherlanders" and if possible with [photographs] of the present Dutch settlements in this country and of everything in connection with them.

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Onze Toekomst, Oct. 9, 1908.

DR. H BAVINCK, PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY, AMSTERDAM

Dr. Bavinck and wife are this week the guests of our Dutch folks in Chicago. Both will have a busy time during their stay in this city. The nominating committee has planned the following program:

Wednesday afternoon arrival by train at Englewood, whereupon the married couple will reside in the residence of Mrs. Broekstra of the First Reformed Congregation, and in the evening a reception will take place there.

Thursday, accompanied by the members of the Englewood Committee, and their ladies, an automobile ride through the City, visiting the principal sights. In the evening, a sermon in the First Baptist Church, 63rd Street and Englewood Avenue.

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Friday to the West-Side as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Breen of the First Christian Reformed Church; in the evening a lecture in the New American Hall, at 18th Street.

Saturday to Roseland, where Dr. H. Bavinck will preach three sermons, and the following Monday night a lecture at the First Reformed Church at 107th Street.

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Onze Toekomst, Apr. 3, 1908.

QUEEN WILHELMINA

This is our premium!

For this opportunity we have waited a long time. Listen!

Through a special arrangement with the celebrated Verbeck Studios we are able to offer to the readers of our paper, as a special premium absolutely free of charge, a beautiful picture of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina, the beloved ruler of the Netherlands, our Queen.

It is an exact copy of the celebrated steel engraving by Verbeck. This beautiful engraving was executed by special permission of the Queen, and the original is in possession of Her Majesty.

It is the same picture, only a little different in color, of which the Chicago Section of the General Netherland's League presented copies to the Dutch

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schools in Chicago, to Hope College at Holland, Michigan, and to the Theological School at Grand Rapids.

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### CONSUL BIRKHOFF RETURNS

Our Consul-General, Honorable George Birkhoff Jr., who with his wife and son made a trip to Holland, returned Monday via S. S. New Amsterdam of the Holland-America Line, and arrived in Chicago on Tuesday morning.

During his sojourn over there Mr. Birkhoff was received in audience by Queen Wilhelmina at the Royal Palace at "Het Loo".

"The Queen showed great interest in the prosperity of the Dutch in America", Mr. Birkhoff said.

She inquired especially about Dutch living conditions in America, and showed particular interest in the Dutch who settled in Chicago and in Michigan. Her Majesty has requested me to give her regards and best wishes to her country people in America.

IV. REPRESENTATIVE  
INDIVIDUALS

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### THE BURIAL OF HERMAN TENINGA

Arousing extraordinary interest, the burial service of Herman Teninga took place Thursday afternoon in the Bethany Reformed Church. The auditorium was large enough to hold only a small part of those who attended. The pastor of the congregation, Dr. J. R. Mulder, led in prayer and made a short speech, after which Reverend Dr. E. Kreuzenga of Holland, Michigan, spoke about the deceased. The speaker mentioned among other things the courage which the deceased had displayed at all times. The speaker would not make a long speech, because, as he explained, this would run counter to the simplicity which was Mr. Teninga's in life.

One of the largest delegations present was that of the Cook County Real Estate Board, of which Mr. Teninga was president. The church was full of floral pieces, and many others were brought to the hospital, located across from the church. Fred Wood sang two beautiful tenor solos.



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Many preachers of the Christian Reformed church, as well as of the Reformed church, besides scores of prominent business people from all parts of the city, were among those present. The Dutch consul general, the Honorable J. Vennema, was also present to pay a final tribute to the deceased. A large crowd went to the burial place at Mount Greenwood Cemetery, where the interment took place.



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KNICKERBOCKER SOCIETY FETE  
JUDGE FREDERICK R. DE YOUNG

Last Friday afternoon, Justice Frederick R. De Young, recently chosen as Judge of the Illinois Supreme Court, was the guest of honor of the Knickerbocker Society, together with some others who were invited to attend. As Netherlanders by birth or descent, the Knickerbocker Society deemed it proper, because of the choice of the people, to elevate Judge De Young to one of the highest positions in the state, and to honor him with a luncheon. More than thirty distinguished guests took part in this affair. After an interesting speech by the president, Mr. Gilmer Vuiper, the floor was given to the Netherlands Consul General Hon. John Vennema, who pointed out the high spots in the life of Judge De Young, whom he had learned to know a quarter of a century ago as a young lawyer, and the progress of whom as a public official, he had followed with great interest.





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Prof. John C. Penn made a short speech in which he pointed to the relatively large number of professional men of Dutch name in Chicago headed, as it were, by Judge De Young. He was followed by L. Holstein, who without preparation and in a fascinating way, told the listeners that it is an honor to belong to the citizens of Holland blood. One of the city's aldermen, Wiley W. Mills, of Dutch descent and graduate of Hope College, in a beautiful way praised the guest of honor, after a few words had been spoken by a representative of this paper. Finally, the chair was given to Judge De Young, who heartily spoke his appreciation of all the compliments and for the luncheon. He said, among other things, that he was thankful that his fellow citizens of Dutch race, appreciated that one of them was elevated to the office that he now takes at Springfield. There were a couple of pleasant hours which in the annals of this club, next to those of other pleasure gatherings also held in the City Club, will be held in happy remembrance.

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### SOMETHING ABOUT OUR HOLLANDERS.

Many of our Holland people who came here when they were young, or were born here from Holland parents are nearly all lost in the American pot of assimilation. Many of them are strangers to the so beautiful Holland language, of the characteristics common to them and of the ways of the Holland nation, although they feel, sometimes unconsciously, are inner love for Old Holland, through coming in contact with something intimately Dutch in the midst of their busy American life. One of these is our friend Mr. Holgar De Roode. Born in Holland, from a noble family he came here as a very young boy. At the age of 15 he studied the prosperous insurance business in all its branches, at which he worked for half a century. For ten years he was general manager at Chicago, of the Providence, Washington, and other insurance corporations.

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In 1902, he published a pamphlet entitled, "Some Facts for Investors in Fire Insurance Shares", that in insurance circles was a recognized as an authority. Mr. De Roode is one of the past presidents of the well-known, Holland Society, located at Chicago. Outside of his knowledge of the all important insurance business, he practices fine arts, and counts his friends among the most famous teachers and musicians of the land. In the spring of 1921, Mr. De Roode paid a visit to France, England, Germany, and the Netherlands. He left Chicago in April and saw it again early in December. In London he met several times the Netherlands ambassador, Mr. R. de Marees van Swinderen, who represented the Netherlands during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt who is also of Holland blood.

When he was in Holland and admired the portraits of Frans Wals, he saw a tablet of which he wrote down the inscription. This tablet came from an Old Man's Home of which a certain Van Mater was director in the year 1723. Because of the age of the verse he thought it appropriate to copy it for me and herewith I give it to you:

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O happy he, who, on world's ragged seas  
Courageously endures calamities -  
Yes happy he who counts no perils, knows no fright  
But lives his aging years in sweet delight.  
Upon a quiet road, midst grace and careless ease,  
Abiding death with a kiss of glorious peace you taste his bliss so sweet.

You old and happy folk,  
Who in this home sustained, of cares not known nor spoke,  
But laughed and cried, made light of mortals strife  
Acknowledging thanks with a most blessed life.  
To the Fathers good and just, who with a noble heart  
Sustained your tottering feet, to God your soul impart.  
Your years enumerate, your life ebbs gently out,  
And creeping to the grave you pass the human route.

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MR. R. ROL DECEASED

Again one of our oldest settlers has passed away. Rlaas Rol is no more. Last Saturday morning, February 5, just two days after his 85th birthday, he died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. Van Reenen of 6438 May Street, with whom he lived since the death of his wife, last summer.

Rlaas Rol was born at Middlestum, in the province of Groningen, February 3rd, 1825. There he married his now deceased wife; they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, a privilege which is not bestowed upon many people.

In the year 1867 the couple came to America and settled in Chicago, where they lived about 37 years in the same house at 503 West 16th Street. He leaves one daughter, and five grand-children.

Mr. Rol was in life a thrifty man, and served the first Christian Reformed

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Church, of which he was one of the founders, as sidesman, and later as elder. An advocate of parochial tuition, he served the parochial school as one of the directors. In the last years of his life, especially after the death of his wife, he was, however, weak in body and mind. And he was longing for his death, to be with Christ.

The funeral took place Tuesday, from the house of mourning, under the guidance of Dr. S. S. Van der Heide. His mortal body was carried and it now rests near that of his wife at the Forest Home Cemetery.

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Onze Toekomst, September 28, 1906

### MR. CHARLES VANDERCOOK DEAD

Who was Charles Vander Cook? He was one of our oldest settlers. Mr. Vander Cook was born May 20, 1819, at Pittstown, N. Y., from Dutch stock, and settled in 1833 at Chicago, where he lived continuously for 73 years. He was married to Miss Harriet E. Demmon, now his widow.

He was a member of the voluntary fire department in 1847, and owner of the first stove factory in this city. In 1881, he built the Chicago, Harlem and Batavia Street Railway, which was later sold to the Northern Pacific, who broke it up. Vander Cook is survived, besides his widow, by two sons, Henry R., 4153 Bweekly avenue, and John B., 213 South Park avenue, Austin; the same home where the old people resided. Mr. Vander Cook died as the result of an accident. Last Friday he was run down by an Oak Park elevated train at the Park avenue crossing in Austin, and a short time later succumbed in the St. Ann's Hospital, at the age of 87.

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THE DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER

Last Sunday, Mr. Jacob Wierenga passed away at his home, 6532 Claremont Avenue at the ripe old age of 76 years. His body was entrusted to the earth last Tuesday in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, at Morgan Park.

Mr. Wierenga was one of the oldest Dutch settlers in Illinois. He had lived in the state continuously for over 40 years and for many years was an officer of the burial fund "Zelf Hulp." Diabetes made an end to his life.



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REV. W. GREVE

Monday noon, the last remains of the 70 year old minister, the Rev. William Greve, were entrusted to the earth in Mount Greenwood cemetery. He was known by nearly every Dutchman in Chicago, loved by many, and honored by everyone who knew him. It was a solemn moment. The 74 year old widow was the only one of the relations who was present at the interment. But what the couple missed on blood relations, was well compensated for by the large number of friends they had made. The church of the 71st Street congregation, where the funeral services were held, was filled by those interested in rendering to the Rev. Greve their last respects. The services at the home were led by the Rev. Poppen, one of the most trusted friends of the deceased, and at the church speeches were made in the order given by the Pastors Van Dellen, Breen, Einink, Kuiper and Van Uliet, while at the grave the Rev. Van Dellen led in prayer. The Rev. Greve was born January 16, 1836, in the county of Bentheim, where his father, Willem Greve, was a gardener. Mr. Greve, the father, was financially able to give his children a good education, and they were taught in a school with the Bible, which at that time in Bentheim was the public school. From his childhood the young William felt a longing to study for the ministry, a longing which resulted in his conversion to God. His conversion and the manner of living he assumed through that, were the cause of his being cast aside by the family. Yes, even despised and banished.

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Although his father was a religious man, true conversion was for him a strange business. The attempts made by the young man to become a minister were fruitless. This was the reason that he resolved to try his luck in the "New World". He journied to Cincinnati, where he had preached the gospel many tines before private or public gatherings, until, at last, the now deceased Rev. D. J. Van der Werp, provided funds for his education in the ministry. In 1869 he became a preacher. He served the following congregations in order, Chicago, Cincinnati, Passaic, N. J., Borculo, Mich, and Grandville Avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich. In both of the first mentioned congregations he served twice. Later, after a well earned rest, he served the congregation at Hull, Iowa. He was a man who wanted and had to work for, the cause of the gospel. The ministry was his life. This was also the reason he made so many friends. His most beloved place was Chicago. When he obtained his diploma, he first moved to Pella - Iowa, but his longing for Chicago was too great, He sold his possessions in Pella and went to live in this city, in restful Englewood, where he spent his last days. In the last few weeks of his life he suffered greatly from asthma and Frights disease which made an end to his life, may his remains rest in peace.

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### THE DEATH OF FATHER VAN DE LAAR

The Rev. Van de Laar, Pastor of the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic parish, died last Thursday in Mercy Hospital, at the age of sixty. A dragging ailment put an end to his life. Pastor Van de Laar was born in the Netherlands, where he studied for the priesthood, and was inducted in office according to the Roman Catholic Church. In 1875 he came to America, mainly for the purpose of working among the strayed Dutch Catholics. Soon, however, he saw for himself a much larger field of labor. In 1880 he was appointed as assistant preacher in St. Columbkill parish, Grand Avenue and Paulina Street. A few months later he went to South Chicago to take charge of the St. Patrick parish, then only a mission station in a place called Ainsworth that is now known as South Chicago. From that time up to the time of his death, he was leader of that parish which, under his leadership, flourished and became a large and strong parish from which fourteen other parishes sprouted, so that South Chicago, at the present time, counts no less than fifteen Catholic parishes. Pastor Van de Laar was an industrious servant of the Catholic gospel, who applied all his strength and ability to the good of the parish. The funeral services took place Monday morning in the Church of his parish, attended by Archbishop Quigley. High Mass was said by

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Bishop Muldoon. As in life, so was he also in death, a commoner. In his will he asked that his body be not transported in a hearse, but in a street-car and also that those who attended his funeral should not ride in hired carriages but should follow him in street-cars to the grave. This wish was faithfully carried out. The funeral procession went via the Calumet Electric and Union Traction Company's lines to Mount Olivet, where interment took place. The reason he had made this stipulation in his last testament, was to set an example for others, especially for those of small means, who often have costly funerals far above the financial means of the family. Pastor Van de Laar had often signified his dislike for such costly funerals, and had made it plain that a funeral procession per street-car, served the purpose just as well if not better, than the method now generally followed.

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THE FRIESIANS GATHER

Mr. Schuitemaker of Friesland, the Netherlands, had the pleasure on the evening of March 5th, to address a gathering of Friesians, who had come from all parts of the city, to the K. P. Hall. Those who had never been in Friesland had the pleasure of seeing the Freisians skating as only they can do it, through the medium of motion pictures. Skating races and sailing parties were in order besides other sports of Freisian life.

D. Driebergen is president of the "Freisian Society", which is located in Chicago under the name "Uten thus," (Outdoors and In-translated).

H. Brilsma is secretary and Piet de Painter is treasurer. The hall was full and the proceeds were planned for the "Holland Home."

(P. S. The Friesic language is one of the oldest in the world and is the mother of the German language.)

